



# VILLAGERS WILL TARGET SPEEDERS

Report by Jonny Drury

**VILLAGERS** are taking matters into their own hands in a bid to clamp down on speeding motorists.

Drivers travelling at high speeds have caused problems through St Martins near Oswestry in recent years.

The speeds have prompted a group of four villagers to come forward and volunteer to be trained in using speed guns to capture speeding motorists. Although the information gathered cannot be used for prosecutions, police will take action against motorists found to be persistently speeding. Parish Councillor Sue Schofield has welcomed the move and said the parish council is now awaiting a meeting with the police to put the wheels in motion on the scheme. She said: "Most of the villagers are law abiding citizens but there is a minority who don't take any notice of the speed restrictions."

"Speeding has been a real concern in the past, that is why we asked the police for something to be done, and for help on this. Shropshire Councillor Steve Davenport has been very much in favour of doing something. We had six names come forward to help and volunteer, but two have now dropped out.



Gobowen safety campaigner Dot Basham

## Training

"There will be training, and for volunteers to understand what they should and shouldn't do. Speeding has been a particular problem at one end of the village where the school is. There have been some near misses, it is a death trap and I have witnessed a few near misses."

Councillor Schofield believes that other villagers have been reluctant to get involved because they fear they might receive abuse. She said: "It is nice to see some people come forward and try and take this into their own hands."

"However some people believe being in a hi-vis taking speeds will leave them open to abuse, and they will be perceived as the big bad wolf."

A leading road safety campaigner in the neighbouring village of Gobowen says she too has looked at the idea of having residents trained to use speed guns.

Dot Basham launched a petition to highlight the speeding problems and said she got together a group of 20 people willing to train to use speed guns - but was told by the police it wasn't possible. She said: "We got around 20 people together 18 months ago, but police said the speed was too great and it was dangerous for people to take the speeds. That just seems a massive contradiction."

"I don't get how a village two miles away can be given the power to do this and we can't. All we seem to be getting from our efforts to reduce speeds is negativity, despite the fact speed problems are getting worse and worse."

## Show is right up Craig's street



Actor and presenter Craig Charles was the star guest at Trucking Live at the weekend. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

CORONATION Street and Red Dwarf actor Craig Charles helped draw in the crowds to a huge celebration of trucks near Oswestry at the weekend.

The TV and radio star spoke to fans and posed for selfies at the Trucking Live event at Park Hall Showground.

The actor, who has also appeared in reality TV hit I'm A Celebrity and was the original presenter of Robot Wars, proved a big hit with show visitors. Hundreds of trucks from around Shropshire and from across the UK were on show at the event at the showground.

Shropshire's very own Trevor Pye Transport had

some of its fleet on show. Truck driver Clive Hardy was busy shining up the cabs all weekend, and said it was a great event to catch up with fellow truckers. He said: "We come every year, and bring some of the fleet down."

"It is nice because as well as showing people around and letting them see the trucks, we also see other truckers. They're people we only see a couple of times a year, so it is a great event for both reasons." As well as a wide range of trucks, there was a fairground and various attractions to keep visitors busy.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Building begins on factory which will create 50 new jobs

WORK has begun on a new factory which is expected to create 50 jobs by 2020.

Invertek Drives in Welshpool has started construction on its new 5,500-square-metre factory which will allow the business to produce more than 40,000 drives per year.

The company designs, manufactures and markets electronic variable frequency drives for controlling electric motors.

Operations director Charles Haspel said: "Invertek Drives' growth is driven by innovation supported by world class manufacturing facilities. This expansion is required to increase our production capacity and to facilitate continual improvement throughout our materials, production and distribution operations." The building work marks another milestone for the Mid Wales company which has recently reached the landmark of selling one million variable drives globally.

The project has been funded by the Welsh Government to create the additional space needed to expand the operations, increase efficiencies and meet the growing global demand for its services.

Mr Haspel added: "This new factory will help us to continue developing the world-leading technology and highly skilled workforce necessary to successfully compete on the world stage."

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Attraction among the best for day out

OSWESTRY'S Park Hall Countryside Experience has been rated as one of the best autumn destinations for families.

The attraction has been named by Day-outwiththekids.co.uk as one of the top 50 destinations for a day out. Richard Powell, owner and director at the attraction, said: "We have added new features this year, and that has led to another successful summer. Since the start of the year visitor numbers are up 18 per cent, and for the summer months they are up 15 per cent."

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## Town to step back in time to the war years

A HOST of events with a wartime theme will take place in Welshpool this weekend.

The third annual 1940s Weekend will run in the town from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday. The weekend brings together displays and activities relating back to the 1940s and has proved a hit with local people and visitors alike. Organisers have put together a packed diary of events.

Displays with Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway will take place at Raven Square and Llanfair station, there will be a tea dance in the Church House, bands playing at various locations and stalls in the streets all weekend.

A Spitfire display will take place near the Town Hall on Sunday and other activities include a Blitz Ball, a variety show and a concert.

Anyone able to volunteer over the weekend can contact the organisers.

Further information can be found on Facebook at Welshpool Forties Weekend or www.welshpool1940sweekend.co.uk or by contacting the organiser Alan Crowe on 07782 166342.

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# New petition is launched to have A5 route dualled

Report by Sue Austin

**FRESH** calls have been made for the A5 near Oswestry to be turned into a dual carriageway.

The Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star this week launched a petition calling for road improvements.

Accidents, many of them with tragic consequences, and nose-to-tail traffic plague the trunk road which carries tens of thousands of vehicles a day.

The Shropshire Star believes the road is inadequate to carry the volume of vehicles that travel along the route every day.

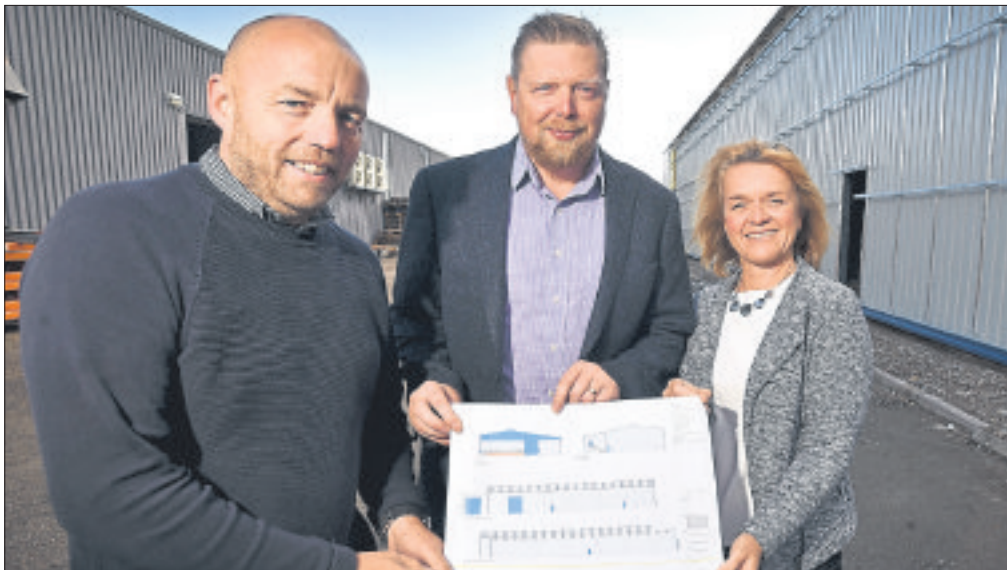
The campaign has been backed by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, who has been calling for the road to be dualled since he became the MP for the area in 1997. He said: "I am delighted that the Shropshire Star is supporting this campaign and it could not come at a more suitable time. Last November, it was announced that regions across the country are set to benefit from investment for transport." He estimates the cost to the public purse as a result of the accidents on the road since 1992 is in the region of £220m.

The 18-mile stretch of the A5 from Montford Bridge to the border at Chirk, with the exception of the Nesscliffe bypass, is the only section of single carriageway road between Dover and Holyhead, a key strategic route linking the UK to Ireland. As well as the impact on safety, the road is also damaging the economy. Shropshire Council's deputy leader, Steve Charmley said: "We need this road dualled to help our economy," adding that it was "no longer fit for purpose". Earlier this year roads minister John Hayes visited the area to see the problems for himself. The Star is calling on him to include the A5 in his Road Investment Strategy and upgrade it to a dual carriageway from Montford Bridge to Chirk. The Shropshire Star is calling on readers to sign the petition so that it can be presented to the Government as part of the 'Dual It!' campaign.

People can sign the petition at [www.shropshirestar.com](http://www.shropshirestar.com)

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## Grant supports company's growth plans



Colin Derbyshire and Kevin Taylor of CV Rollers in Oswestry with MBIG programme manager Caroline Cattle

AN Oswestry manufacturer has landed a grant worth nearly £100,000 to help it realise its growth plans.

Formed in 1966 and acquired by current directors Kevin Taylor and Colin Derbyshire in 2013, CV Rollers makes bearings-related products.

Since their purchase of the business, turnover has increased from £800,000 to over £2.1 million.

It formed a relationship with Hansen International, a global leader in commercial

and industrial vehicle components, which has left it needing to grow the business.

Now it has been awarded a grant by the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership worth more than £97,000, as part of the Marches Building Investment Grant launched earlier this year.

Part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, it has allowed essential expansion work to be carried out at the firm's site on the Mile Oak Industrial Estate.

Having received the grant, CV Rollers will be able to create five new full-time jobs by the end of the year in addition to its existing 18 staff. The building work has allowed an extension at the side of the factory, and the installation of a mezzanine floor from which further CAD design work and administration can be carried out. Caroline Cattle, MBIG programme manager, said: "CV Rollers has enjoyed significant growth in recent years and as this continues, the need for additional space has become a priority."



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## Chairman leaves his role over access row

THE chairman of a campaign group for disabled people says he has resigned over "broken promises" from the NHS.

Roger Whitting has made the decision to leave Oswestry Access Group because he felt he'd made no progress in improving the access for wheelchair users at the local health centre.

In his two years as chairman, Mr Whitting campaigned relentlessly to resolve the issues at the centre in Thomas Savin Road.

Drivers are forced to park on the pavements because of a lack of car parking spaces and Mr Whitting, a wheelchair user himself, says it is impossible for disabled patients to get to the medical centre because the dropped kerbs are blocked.

He says he was promised additional drop kerbs, double yellow lines and a Parking Eye system by bosses from NHS Property Services, but nothing has ever been resolved.

"I've met with people from the NHS who have been to see the problems we face, they say they need a couple of months to sort it out but nothing ever happens," he said. "I tell people what's been said and then I'm embarrassed when nothing happens. I've given up on all of these broken promises now."

## Man, 53, denies indecent assault

A 53-year-old Oswestry man is to face trial accused of historic charges of indecent assault involving a schoolgirl.

Graham Trow pleaded not guilty to the three allegations when he appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Wednesday last week.

The offences are said to involve a girl aged under 13 and are alleged to have been committed on dates between May 1992 and May 1994. Judge Jim Tindal adjourned the case until May 8 and Trow, of Chaucer Road, was allowed conditional bail.

# College strikes new deal with leisure centre

Report by Jonny Drury

**OSWESTRY'S North Shropshire College has announced a new working relationship with the town's leisure centre.**

The college has signed a service level agreement in partnership with Shropshire Community Leisure Trust, which manages the facilities at Oswestry Leisure Centre.

The agreement covers the shared use of the college's sports facilities, located on the grounds of its Oswestry campus.

It is hoped that the new partnership will increase community engagement with sporting activities at the leisure centre, while also promoting the wide variety of facilities, which includes a state of the art Multi Use Gaming Area (MUGA) pitch and several turf football pitches at the college.

Jo White, business development manager for the college, said: "The partnership will see the leisure centre and college working together to improve our offer to our local community."

"Customers will be able to hire the college's MUGA and grass pitches, whilst benefiting from the use of the leisure centre's indoor changing facilities."

"Customers will also be able to link in with schemes such as the BeActive membership offered by the leisure centre."

"We are really pleased to be working with Oswestry Leisure Centre in this venture, being able to offer our facilities alongside leisure centre access and schemes is fantastic."

"The college is a huge community resource and we feel potential customers will be pleasantly surprised at the value for money and quality of our facilities hire."

Angela Creighton, the contract manager at Shropshire Community Leisure Trust, said: "We are very excited to be working in partnership with North Shropshire College."

She added: "We are certain that with the approach that we are taking more people will be able to access and benefit from the fantastic facilities that both the college and Oswestry Leisure Centre have to offer."

## Town's ale house is the real deal



Duncan Borrowman and Grace Goodlad celebrate their Good Beer Guide entry

A PUB that opened less than 18 months ago has gone straight into the Campaign for Real Ale Good Beer Guide.

Husband and wife team Grace Goodlad and Duncan Borrowman have transformed the former Castle Tavern in Oswestry.

They opened their renamed Bailey Head pub in March last year and say they are thrilled with its success.

This year they have already won the Shrewsbury and West Shrop-

shire Market Town's Pub of the Year and were named runner-up for overall Pub of the Year for the area.

Mr Borrowman said: "It is really humbling to be voted into the Good Beer Guide by CAMRA members in our first year of being open. The standard of real ale in Shropshire is superb, with excellent pubs and breweries, so to win both Pub of the Year competitions and get into the Good Beer Guide is really incredible."

Meanwhile, the pub has been nominated for an award for being so welcoming to dogs.

The Bailey Head is looking for votes for the Dog Buddy Dog Friendly Pub awards, for being so welcoming to not just owners, but their pets too.

To vote for the pub in the Dog Buddy awards, people can go to <https://www.dogbuddypubs.com/listing/the-bailey-head/#.WcJH9P1-Jns1>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fellowship set to get together

THE next meeting of the Oswestry Group of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship will take place on Tuesday.

The meeting takes place at the Wynnstay Hotel, starting at 10.30am after coffee.

The speaker will be Dorothy Nicolle making a return visit and although the topic of her talk has not been disclosed in advance, organisers say it will be very enjoyable as all her talks have been in the past.

The fellowship is a local group for government and other pensioners who are welcome to attend the meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month.

### Guild members to meet up again

THE Oswestry and District Towns-women Guild will be meeting today (Thursday) in the Festival Suite, Memorial Hall, Oswestry from 2pm to 4pm.

This month's speaker is Ian Goodhall speaking on "Sunnycroft" which is in the National Trust.

For more information about the organisation people can call Val Laundy on 07891 084071 or go along to the meeting at 2pm.

### Town has a new deputy mayor

OSWESTRY has a new deputy mayor after a councillor resigned from the position because of ill health.

Members of Oswestry Town Council sent their best wishes to Councillor Rebecca Evans who has asked for a six-month leave of absence. Councillor Sandy Best will take over as she was next in line for the role. It was also agreed that Councillor Evans would serve another 12 months as deputy mayor when she returns next year.

### Film to be screened

A FILM society has set a date for its next showing.

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Mike Robinson

# Hundreds pay tribute to couple

HUNDREDS of people turned out for an emotional memorial service in memory of a well-known journalist and sporting stalwart and his wife, who recently passed away. Mike Robinson, 65, passed away following a short illness on September 8.

His wife Lesley, who was a retired learning support teacher at the Marches School in Oswestry, died the previous day. Large crowds turned out for a memorial service at Oswestry Cricket Club on Wednesday last week to pay their respects to the popular and

much loved couple. Mr Robinson, who was the backbone of Oswestry Cricket Club for many years, has left a lasting legacy across Shropshire cricket, as his good friend Dave Vart described in a fitting tribute to the late journalist. He said: "Mike was a passionate

man, whether it was cricket, football, racing, dominoes or quizzes, he hated losing." He added: "His chuckle was never far away." Geoff Potts, a family friend and former colleague of Mrs Robinson's, paid tribute to her.

# Council to look at holding its own balloon festival

Report by Aimee Jones

OSWESTRY'S award-winning park could host a hot air balloon carnival next year.

Oswestry Town Council will examine the possibility of holding the event in Cae Glas Park over the August Bank Holiday in 2018.

In the lead-up to the balloon festival at the British Ironwork Centre last month, a number of balloons were launched from the town park to promote the event.

Inspired by the success of the promotional evening, Mark Derbyshire from Cloud 9 Balloons has asked the council to consider running its own festival.

## Car charging idea supported

COUNCILLORS have backed an idea to install charging ports for electric and hybrid cars in Oswestry car parks.

Officers will look into the feasibility of the proposal after Councillor Paul Milner's notice of motion was supported at a meeting on Wednesday last week.

He said that charging points in the council-owned car parks would help to make the town more attractive to visitors.

Councillor Mike Isherwood said: "I think this should be something on the council's to do list. We shouldn't wait until another 10, 20 or 30 per cent of people are driving electric and hybrid cars."

Mayor Vince Hunt questioned whether enough people would use the equipment to justify spending the money.

Members will vote on the idea once council officers have looked into the cost.

A report that went before the council on Wednesday last week said there would be hot air balloon flights, demonstrations and exhibitions, and that it will be free to enter.

Clerk David Preston said: "This is an exciting one. We're looking at around 25 to 30 balloons over the Saturday and Sunday. I'm told it's an excellent place to fly from because it is well sheltered."

"We've spoken to NABMA (National Association of British Market Authorities) and they have said they're interested in supporting it as well."

The costs would include balloon gas as well as camping and hospitality for the balloon owners, and it is expected to cost in the region of £6,000 to £10,000. Mr Preston told councillors it is likely the money could be covered by sponsorship.

Mayor Vince Hunt said: "I think this is brilliant. Oswestry needs these sorts of events to become a destination town. It's been said before that Oswestry is just a 'two hour town' and that people come, do their shopping and leave, but these sorts of events turn that around."

## Monster machines on way



Maximum Risk, one of the tractors coming over from Holland. Photo: Pullingpics.de

DUTCH competitor Rob Van De Waal is crossing the channel with his monster machines to help raise funds for local hospices.

The super tractors will be the stars of the tractor pulling event at Marches Farm, Ruyton-XI-Towns near Oswestry on Saturday and Sunday.

Organised by Shropshire businessman Gary Penton, the annual event raises thousands of pounds each year for Hope House and Severn Hospice.

It will be the sixth year of the event, which attracts competitors from areas

stretching from Aberdeen to South Wales. Mr Penton said: "We are very lucky to have Rob coming along. This year we have a new, heavy duty sled that means the biggest tractors can compete."

"We are very grateful to all our sponsors who ensure that we make a lot of money for the hospices."

"We raised £23,000 last year and would like to top that sum this year."

Entrance to the event is £7 for a day ticket or £12 for a weekend ticket. Camping is available.



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# Couple found dead at house had taken drugs

Report by Jonny Drury

**A COUPLE found dead in a house near Oswestry died after taking a number of drugs, an inquest heard.**

Carly Louise Davies, aged 29, and Vincent Laws, 31, were discovered by Miss Davies's mother at an address in Erw Wen, Morda, on April 8.

Both had a number of drugs in their system, including tramadol, diazepam, morphine, and in Miss Davies's case, cocaine. Assistant coroner Heath Westerman told an inquest

## Barrier at car park to stay in place

AN entrance barrier at Oswestry's main car park will not be removed despite claims it restricts mobility vehicles.

At a meeting of Oswestry Town Council on Wednesday last week, Councillor Oly Rose asked members to consider removing the height restrictive barriers at Central Car Park.

She said: "It's causing more and more problems for disabled people. These vehicles are getting higher and higher these days because there are now vehicles where disabled people can drive their chairs straight into the van and start driving - but they can't get into our car park. It's excluding people. I don't see the logic behind it especially as our other car parks don't have a barrier."

However, Councillor Peter Cherrington said: "There was a reason the barriers were put there at that height. We had a problem with caravans and campervans going onto the car park. I'm not opposing it but I think we need to remember there are other reasons why they were set at that height."

Members voted against Councillor Rose's notice of motion but Town Clerk David Preston has been asked to get advice from a health and safety consultant on whether the barrier should be altered or removed.

## Bike thief takes a tumble



The hapless bike thief takes a tumble as he makes his getaway

A THIEF stole a bike - and took a tumble trying to make off on two wheels.

Andrew Bridgewater was volunteering at the Salvation Army in Oswestry on September 9, when a thief was captured on CCTV cameras, walking behind the Church Street premises.

The man comes back into the picture before riding out on the bike.

However before getting past the gates, he takes a tumble, gets back up and rides off.

Mr Bridgewater was unhappy about the theft, which wasn't the first he had recently been a victim of.

The 27-year-old, from Oswestry, said: "I'm not overly happy about it, the bike

was my brother's and I had borrowed it from him.

"I haven't heard anything from the police since they picked the DVD, but someone has messaged me with a name."

"I had been volunteering at the Salvation Army for about a month."

"I had my motorbike stolen a few months ago, but that was returned within a few days. I just hope I get the bike back."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since Wale voted "yes" to devolution – that historic day when the nation went to the polls and voted to establish the National Assembly for Wales.

Those in favour won by 6,721 votes which was just a 0.6 per cent majority, reversing a previous referendum held in 1979 when Wales overwhelmingly rejected the chance for home rule by four-to-one.

I voted "no" in 1979 and I voted "no" in 1997 and if I was asked to vote again I would still vote "no" as I believe the Government to be an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of Wales with layer after layer of management duplicating the roles already filled across the border.

Even Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George admitted this week that he voted "no" back in 1997.

"What have we gained" I was asked by a colleague this week and despite being able to reel off things like free prescriptions, law-making and tax-raising powers, leading the way on charging for carrier bags, stopping smoking in public places, scrapped Severn Bridge tolls and introducing presumed organ donation he was still not impressed.

There won't be another referendum in my lifetime so it's now important that we take devolution a stage further to take full advantage of the situation. So I'm right behind Russell George when he calls for more powers to be handed down to local authorities.

But there will need to be a complete overhaul of county, town and community councils before any further devolution of powers could work. That would mean controversially merging many proud local authorities and that won't happen without a fight. Imagine the outcry if Guilsfield and Welshpool councils were told to merge – but it may well happen and sooner than we think.

The bigger issues would revolve around funding and history already tells us that Welsh Government is not passing down enough cash to county councils in Mid Wales.

Devolving more powers to local communities sounds a great idea but most small authorities are not equipped to cope.

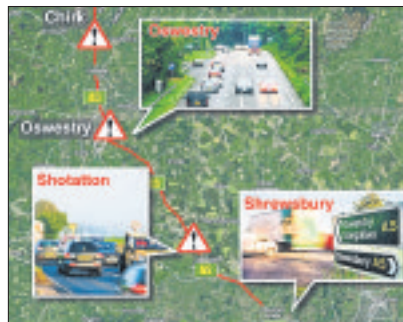
For as long as we have a Conservative-led government in Westminster and a Labour-led regime in Cardiff there is very little hope for a pot of gold coming across Offa's Dyke and maintaining the services that all of us accept as normal will prove the biggest challenge of all.



All types of vehicles use the A5 route



The Shropshire Star has launched a new campaign



The A5 near Oswestry is a single carriageway

# Campaign supporters say it is time to dual the A5

**SUE AUSTIN reports on a new campaign calling for the A5 around Oswestry to be dualled**

WHEN Thomas Telford built his Holyhead Road 200 years ago little did he think that, two centuries and later renamed the A5, it would carry tens of thousands of vehicles every day.

Civic leaders, transport experts and resident think enough is enough and it is high time that the road was improved to a standard capable of carrying the increasing volume of traffic that uses the route every day.

Telford's road was originally created to improve communication links between London and Dublin following the Act of Union in 1800 and at the time was used mainly by stagecoaches and the Mail coach to carry post between London and Holyhead, and on by mailboat to Ireland.

It was dotted by tollhouses at which road users would pay a sum of money dependent on what they were carrying. At each mile stood a distinctive milestone.

Wind forward and the A5 is unrecognisable. It is snarled up with traffic. The stagecoaches have been replaced by thousands upon thousands of cars, buses and luxury coaches, while almost all of the goods that in Telford's day were carried on the canal, and then the railways, travel in massive lorries.

It also carries every other vehicle imaginable from white vans to tractors as well as motorbikes and cyclists.

The section through Shropshire is the only part that remains part of the original link between Ireland and Britain.



Campaign supporters say the A5 near Oswestry is no longer fit for purpose

And it is now also part of the strategic route linking Ireland with mainland Europe through the Trans-European Highway.

The section from Montford Bridge to the Welsh border as it passes through the Oswestry area is also the only section that is single and not dual carriageway or motorway.

The A5 north of Shrewsbury is also a road with shocking accident statistics.

Since 1991, there have been more than 1,785 casualties on the stretch from Montford Bridge up to the Welsh border at Chirk.

And with more accidents happening every week figures are increasing all the time.

At the last count, 1,407 of those injured suffered slight injury, 320 were serious and, tragically, 58 were fatal.

The time it takes to make the journey between Oswestry and Shrewsbury is always different and depends on the time of day and day of the week.

"This week we have seen the potato harvest in full swing on farms alongside the road.

"That can mean getting stuck behind large agricultural vehicles and can lead to frustration among motorists. And that can be where the problems begin.

"It is time the road was dualled from Shrewsbury to Ruabon, the only stretch of the route from London to Holyhead that is still single-carriageway."

Not one but two roads ministers have visited the A5 in the last 12 months, invited by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson. On both days meetings were held so that representatives of the community could explain the problems the road brings. The ministers heard from businesses, haulage companies, farmers and 999 services, all of whom are affected on a daily basis.

In response to the accidents and delays, the Chronicle's sister paper the Shropshire Star has this week launched a petition calling for the A5 road to be transformed into a dual carriageway.

Councillor Charmley was said he was pleased to back the Shropshire Star's campaign. "I am delighted the Star has taken the lead in pressing for improvements following up on Owen Paterson's ongoing campaign," he said.

"This will not only keep up the pressure, on the front pages but also on the minister's desk and flagged up to Highways England.

"We need this road dualled to help our economy.

"The amount of traffic on it has grown so much in the last 25 years that it is no longer fit for purpose."

● People can sign the petition at [www.shropshirestar.com](http://www.shropshirestar.com)

## WORKING FOR YOU



The major event in the world of politics over recent days has been the Prime Minister's speech, delivered in the lovely Italian city of Florence, outlining the Government's approach to negotiations for the UK's departure from the European Union. She confirmed that the UK would leave the EU on March 30, 2019, with an 'implementation' period of about two years ending before the next General Election, due to be held in June 2022. Despite the predictable headlines, portraying this as "Brexit Delayed til 2021", it was what most of us who are interested in this issue had expected. It was a policy position which united her Cabinet, offered reassurance to our EU partners, and put the long term interests of the United Kingdom above partisan politics. I thought it was an excellent, well balanced speech.

The most important feature of the Prime Minister's Florence speech was the constructive tone, reassuring our EU partners that we want a constructive, mutually beneficial trading arrangement after leaving, not damaging in any way the future of the EU, and the more integrated future some members seem to want. It was a good move to deliver the speech, outlining the Government's position in Florence, which has such cultural significance to Europe. It was crucial to emphasise that the UK is leaving the EU, not leaving Europe. It was also a good move to have Boris Johnson, David Davis and Philip Hammond sitting in the front row like a "nest of singing birds". The response from EU leaders was more positive than expected. But we cannot anticipate early movement to discuss future trading arrangements, which is much the most important part of the negotiations. At present the EU just seems to want the UK to commit to handing over tens of billions more to Brussels. This is not going to happen.

Unfortunately the poor election result for the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, in the German election last weekend may have made the position more difficult. It could take several months to form a new coalition to govern Germany. Personally, I see the stunning success for the ultra right wing Alternative fur Deutschland as disastrous – a very black cloud on the horizon. All the more important that the UK remains optimistic about the outward looking open independent country we can be, and will be.

Glyn Davies  
Montgomeryshire MP

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**A:** Your biggest problem will be upsetting staff – either those complaining or those complained about. You should investigate without unreasonable delay to establish the facts for yourself. You may be able to obtain the internet history of the individual in question. One aspect to consider is whether any company or customer data may have been sent or published, as this could have consequences for the company. Data protection or confidentiality breaches could potentially be a very serious matter which could justify immediate suspension.

If this is just a general moan rather than anything particularly serious the best course of action is to re-state the ground rules. Remind everyone of the rules to draw a line in the sand. Everyone will know where they stand and anyone who crosses the line in future will know what to expect.

If it is serious, then you should look at your disciplinary procedures and take appropriate advice and action. In most cases an informal warning combined with a company-wide reminder on the importance of complying with the social media policy will suffice. These are always difficult issues to deal with in-house so always consider using the ACAS website and running things past your company's employment solicitor.

Further information relating to this question is available from Gwyn Edwards, a Solicitor with GHP Legal. For an appointment visit [www.ghplegal.com](http://www.ghplegal.com) or contact one of our offices: Oswestry 01691 659194, Chirk 01691 777949, Wrexham 01978 291456, Llangollen 01978 860313. We offer free legal diagnostic clinics (no appointment necessary). In Oswestry, Wednesdays 12noon-3pm for Personal Injury, Employment & Family matters. In Wrexham, Mondays 9.30am-12noon for Employment matters, 12noon – 3pm for Personal Injury & Family matters. GHP Legal is authorised and regulated by the SRA 51566, and Lexcel Accredited.



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## We must remember public voted for Trump

WHAT is it about the left wing media, spearheaded by the BBC, that fuels their obsession with President Trump?

Personally I have never known such concerns about any other American president in my life. It was almost a relief when the president's new media spokesman totally wiped the floor with the BBC's left wing Newsnight reporter in Washington DC.

Obama was not the paragon the BBC and its staff would have us believe and he did

not achieve one iota of the stuff he promised after eight years of presidency and yet Trump is constantly attacked over every little setback that is thrown at him by the "elite" of Washington and especially the Democrat supporting media after just six months in power. Obama did some strange things during his last few weeks in office and I am sure that he knew that Clinton, due to her failings, would not win and it would be left to Trump to reverse what

he had done knowing of the furore that it would raise in the left wing media.

Trump is in power because the people of America elected him and before passing judgement and attacking him we should allow him the time to kick America back into shape and carry out the promises he made to the American people during his election campaign.

**ADRIAN WILLIAMS  
Bratton**

## Paper collection scheme was not a waste of time



Pupils at St Martins Modern School, from left, Stephen Lever, Kevin Morris, Heather Morris, and Paul Wright, with some waste paper the school was collecting in July 1974. The school had about £1,650 to buy a new minibus, and had launched a waste paper collection to raise the final amount needed. The paper and cardboard was being sold at £20 at ton.

## Just give us basic honesty over the speed of the links

I READ in the local and national press that BT has "volunteered" to spend up to £600 million on further broadband infrastructure. All of us should have a minimum speed of 10Mbps apparently.

I wonder what they really mean by "connecting" us all to fibre broadband? Hereabouts it means that our roadside cabinets have advertisements on them, to the effect that fibre broadband is now available.

Well, no it isn't actually. Premises here are all still connected to these cabinets (some as far away as two kilometres) by, yes, you guessed it; the same old copper wire.

So the high speed stuff gets to a roadside cabinet but not to the premises we are told are now connected. It's like driving a more powerful car but with the handbrake on.

The (up to) £600 million will probably result in yet more Fibre To The Cabinet, FTTC, and little actual improvement in speed to premises. Can't we manage a bit of basic honesty here, instead of the current complacency of a job half done?

**PETER CARTLEDGE, via email**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Please listen to broadband problem

I KEEP reading about people moaning about slow broadband speeds without any mention of people like me who have no broadband at all. Anyone would think we lived in a desert miles from anywhere, when in fact we are six miles from Whitechurch.

We are in a country lane with about 15 properties which have no broadband. We are served by a Whitechurch telephone exchange therefore the furthest away. I just wish that the appropriate people would listen to our complaints about this.

**MRS M WARNER  
Nantwich**

## Words can often come back and bite politicians

THIRTY years ago, Westminster, 1987: The failing political party, the SDP, decides to merge with the failing Liberals, so that they can fail together.

David Owen resigns as SDP leader. The new party is called the Social and Liberal Party but they decide on the snappier and vote winning Liberal Democrats. But who will lead the party? The poisoned chalice falls to David Steel who comes with the political baggage of having said at the 1981 Liberal conference "Go back to your constituencies and prepare for government". This becomes his Michael Fish moment. Of course 10 years earlier William Hague gave him a run for his money with his "Most of you won't be here in 30 or 40 years". How right he was but I do not think he meant to include his own political career in the forecast. That leaves Theresa May in 2002 telling conference they must move on and shake off their tag as the "nasty party". Now she knows better.

**PETER STEGGLES  
Longnor**

## Justice in this country has now become a huge farce

JUSTICE in this country is fast becoming a farce, sentencing has nothing to do with the crime committed but is based on your appearance in the dock or your standing in the establishment.

Recently a young woman was arrested for shop lifting in Harrods to the tune of £1,000, but was let off a prison sentence by the judge and was given a conditional discharge because he said that she was obviously a talented intelligent person.

Following that a billionaire socialite went on a 17 hour drinking binge while in charge of a child (baby sitting), she was fined just £500 which for a billionaire socialite is not even pocket

We also have a lady judge who was caught faking a will for two cottages valued at £325,000. She was jailed for six months, that is just over £54,000 per month. Needless to say she did resign her post as a judge, but what about the judgements that she had made on any person that appeared in the dock before her, just what sort of standard was she judging on?

Another judge who stated that he did not like sending women to jail, gave a woman 18 months suspended for two years. This woman had stolen £38,000, so she earned that for no charge except that she was to pay it back over a set period of time.

As old Arthur Daley would say, a nice little earner, but then it is as I have always said, there is one law for the rich and another for the poor, yet the establishment still says that crime does not pay.

**MR K BEDDIS  
Yockleton**

## Penalty drives people away

A FEW weeks ago I went to North Wales on a sea and fishing trip I have done many times, making an overnight stop at Llandudlas before going on to Holyhead.

I've parked at Llandudlas many times in the past, but on this occasion on waking found a parking ticket on my windscreen.

On looking, I found a newly-installed small signs saying "no overnight parking". Don't these small-minded councils realise the revenue they will lose where there's nowhere to park? Why don't they put a parking meter up so that people can park up and stay overnight, instead of penalising people? People who won't come back if there's nowhere to park. Not everyone can plan weeks ahead and book onto a site. I've spent many thousands of pounds in North Wales over the years, and feel very annoyed at the way I, and am sure many others, have been treated, they don't deserve people boosting their economy. I know I won't any more.

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Group Editor of Weekly Titles Diane Davies said: "Don't we all love to see pictures of animals? It doesn't matter whether they are funny pictures, cute and cuddly or just fantastic photography, we want to see your pictures."

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Please let us have your name and details and a little bit of information about your pet.

So get snapping, because pets can win prizes!

# Minibus and car damaged after road accident on busy route

A CAR and a minibus were involved in a collision on a main road on Friday.

Emergency services were called to the scene of the accident on the A5, close to the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa near Gobowen.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said one ambulance had been dispatched to the area at 8am. West Mercia Police officers based in Oswestry advised drivers to expect delays while they dealt with the incident. They tweeted a picture showing the aftermath of the smash and motorists queuing at the scene.



The collision on the A5

In a separate crash a trailer containing four cows overturned on Wednesday morning last week after the vehicle towing them crashed into a ditch. The crash caused delays along the A495 and the A483 at Llyn-clyd, near Oswestry. The trailer which was carrying the cows detached from the vehicle and overturned in the carriageway.

Fire crews from Oswestry and Wellington were called to the scene at 6.30am.

There were no reported injuries.

And a further crash on the crossroads at Llyn-clyd caused delays on Wednesday.

The collision involving an Audi and a Citroen happened at around 11.50am, outside The White Lion pub. A Citroen, being driven by a 19-year-old woman, suffered rear end damage. She was treated for back and leg pain and was discharged at the scene.

The 75-year-old driver of the Audi did not need any treatment and West Midlands Ambulance crews left the scene at 1pm.

And a further crash happened on Friday morning involving three cars.

Police, ambulance and the fire service were called to Holyhead Road in Nesscliffe near Oswestry at 8.30am after reports of a three vehicle collision involving a red Ford Focus, a blue Peugeot and a silver Ford Galaxy v-tec.

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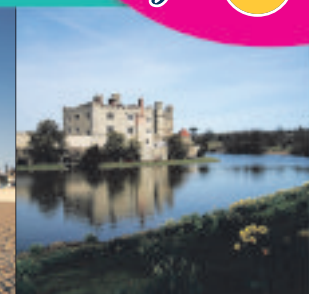
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## Views are sought on changes to waiver system

TRADESPEOPLE who may need to park in market towns while carrying out work are being encouraged to comment on proposed changes to the Shropshire Council's tradesperson 'parking waiver' system.

Shropshire Council's draft new parking strategy - which is out for consultation until October 17 - proposes to simplify and improve the current waiver system by introducing a new tradesperson/work waiver in place of the existing green and red waivers. Currently, a green waiver allows tradespeople to park in any of Shropshire Council's car parks or on-street parking bays, loading bays or resident-only bays. It costs £10 per vehicle per day.

Meanwhile, a red waiver allows tradespeople to park on double/single yellow lines or in a disabled bay. It costs £15 per vehicle per day.

The proposed new waiver would cost £20 per vehicle, and be valid for one day.

Steve Davenport, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "As part of the review of our parking strategy we're proposing to end the current system of long-stay and short-stay car parking, by introducing parking tickets that allow you to park without a maximum stay limit in our car parks and on-street pay and display areas.

"If this is agreed it will mean that tradespeople will no longer have to purchase green waivers if they want to park for extended periods. Instead they'll be able to purchase a ticket for the period of stay required - or they can apply for the new type of waiver."

Visit [shropshire.gov.uk/parking-consultation](http://shropshire.gov.uk/parking-consultation) and select section 4 to take part in the consultation.

# Lawyer to give voice to mental health patients

Report by Aimee Jones

**A LAWYER has vowed to be a voice for the increasing number of mental health patients who end up in the criminal justice system.**

Elzbeth Kenny, who works at GHP Legal in Oswestry, has qualified to become a member of the Law Society Mental Health Accreditation Scheme.

She said: "Every year one in four of us will experience mental health problems and I believe no-one should have to face such problems alone, especially when a person's freedom is at risk and, as is all too often the case, their ideas and opinions are not taken seriously."

Mrs Kenny qualified as a criminal duty solicitor 12 years ago and is a member of the criminal and mental health departments at GHP which has offices in Oswestry, Llangollen, Chirk and Wrexham. She said the number of people suffering with mental health in the system as become "disproportionately high" over the last decade.

She said: "It moved me to undertake 18 months of hard work, study, mandatory training and commitment to become a panel member of the Mental Health Accreditation Scheme."

"Now I will continue to work to uphold the rights of mental health patients and advise their relatives on the extent of their rights and responsibilities to get involved in their care. I will be representing patients in managers' hearings and tribunals when they appeal against their detention in hospital, to ensure the patient is heard and that they receive the support and respect to which they are entitled."

## Building contractor aims for growth



Managing director Steven Owen, construction director Jamie Evans and commercial director Victoria Lawson

A BUILDING contractor has revealed plans to boost its multi-million pound turnover by a quarter, backed by a major investment in new offices and staff.

PaveAways, which is based at Knockin near Oswestry, is building a £200,000 extension to its offices and is investing £250,000 in new staff as it aims for £35 million turnover in 2025. It already employs more than 100 construction and administrative staff and is predicting a £28m turnover for 2017, up £3m from the previous year.

PaveAways began life as a civil engineering company in 1973 focusing on groundworks and hard landscaping and constructing paths, drives and roads before it moved into building construction. A management buy out in 2011, when the firm's turnover was £13m, has seen the business enter a period of sustained growth.

Its current order book includes an £8.3m production facility in Telford, a £4.6 million warehouse and production centre in Welshpool, projects worth £6.9 million at Shropshire's Concord College and school refurbishments for Telford and Wrekin Council worth more than £750,000.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Law seminar to be held by firm

BUSINESSES are being invited to hear the latest developments in employment law at a free seminar in Oswestry.

Specialist lawyers from Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors are holding the event at the Townhouse in Willow Street on October 12, starting at 12.30pm.

John Merry, head of employment law at Lanyon Bowdler, said: "It's very important for businesses to stay on top of the latest legislation, and these seminars are always popular."

"They are completely free, although we do charge a small fee for HR businesses, and we also offer short individual consultations if you book in advance."

To book a place, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Oswestry Employment Law Update Autumn 2017 or call 0800 652 3371.

### Classic cars all ready to hit road

A GROUP of classic car owners have arranged an autumn drive.

Members of Shropshire Classics Club will meet at Gledrid Services on the A5 near Weston Rhyn, at 10am on Sunday.

They will drive to the Corwen and Bala areas, and the day out includes a talk and demonstration at an ornamental glass making company. A Sunday lunch has been arranged near Bala. People interested in taking part can contact organiser Freda Davies on (01938) 552817 to book, or find out more information. The club holds meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from 8pm at Bicton Club, near Shrewsbury.

More details about the club can be viewed on website [www.shropshire-classics.org.uk](http://www.shropshire-classics.org.uk) or see their Facebook page.



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# Event for those looking to pursue career in medicine

Shrewsbury High School will be hosting its fourth annual Biomedical Conference on Saturday, October 14.

The event is for pupils across the county and beyond in Years 10 and above who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine. Last year's conference proved extremely popular with speeches and workshops by medical experts from across the field and this year's conference includes introductions to studying medicine abroad, optometry, dentistry, pharmacy, UK medical schools, physiotherapy, life as a nurse plus life as a medical student amongst other things.

The daunting process of applying to study medicine and other health related courses is also explained with advice on how to prepare the best personal statement, get ready for interview and choose the right medical school for each individual applicant.

The conference is the latest in a series of lectures and events held by the SHS Biomedical Society. The Society aims to support all prospective students considering careers in medical health care and Year 13 pupils are mentored through weekly tutorials, regular interview practice and 1:1 support as they compete for highly sought after places at top medical, veterinary and dental schools.

Conference organiser and head of chemistry, Darren Payne, is looking forward to this year's conference and another thought-provoking agenda: "After last year's hugely popular Biomedical Conference, we are looking forward to welcoming students from across Shropshire to Shrewsbury High School on October 14. Our carefully designed programme for the day will provide prospective medical students with answers to many of the questions they might be considering. The conference is free to all attending and aimed at students in Years 10 and above".

To register for the conference, please visit the Shrewsbury High School website to complete a registration form.



Details of the conference at Shrewsbury High School



Former Leicester City midfielder Richie Wellens passes on tips to academy players at Ellesmere College

## Masterclass for youngsters

Academy players at Ellesmere College were treated to a footballing masterclass and coaching session by former Leicester City midfielder Richie Wellens.

Wellens, who began his career at Manchester United before signing for Blackpool in 2000, took the academy players through their paces with a selection of 'phases of play' game sessions.

After his spell at Oldham, Wellens made his successful move to Doncaster Rovers in the summer of 2007 where he became an instant fans'

favourite, helping the club rise into the Championship for the first time in 50 years. Now 36, Wellens also shared with academy players his experiences of breaking into the professional game having represented 10 separate clubs during his career.

Head of Football at Ellesmere Nigel Keogh, said: "It's always great to have these guest sessions at our academy, but especially having Richie involved is fantastic. What a great opportunity for the boys to gain knowledge, talk first hand to someone who has worked hard to be successful in the game, and

to be coached by a first team coach". Wellens' time at Doncaster came to an end in 2009 after he had helped the club to consolidate their Championship position as he moved to Leicester City.

He then returned to Doncaster for 18 months before joining Shrewsbury Town under the management of Micky Mellon.

Wellens is now fascinated by the traits of Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp and Jose Mourinho as he completes his coaching badges and develops his talents as first-team coach at Oldham Athletic.

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## Bazaar to take place at venue

THE third Pant autumn bazaar takes place on October 7 in Pant Memorial Hall.

It aims to bring the community together as well as to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall, which is a registered charity.

The bazaar is being held between 2pm and 5pm for locals and visitors alike and will feature stalls from a number of local organisations and businesses as well as refreshments and an opportunity to see the facilities offered in the hall.

Once again, there will be a wide selection of local craft-makers and businesses attending offering unique and bespoke products, such as local-produced food and honey, crafts, unique greetings cards and gifts, and complementary therapies.

## Vet's outstanding work recognised

A VET has received an award for her outstanding contribution to the British Veterinary Association Council.

Ally Anderson of Oswestry was announced as the winner of the John Bleby Cup.

Ally, who is a farm animal vet currently working as a ruminant specialist for Zoetis, is in her second term of office on BVA Council as the elected regional representative for West Midlands.

She graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in 2009 and started her career at a mixed practice in Shropshire. She has been a member of the Shropshire Veterinary Association for several years, serving as president in 2014/15. Since joining the BVA Council in February 2014, Ally has contributed to a wide range of discussions, continually striving to engage with members in her region.

# Man is locked up for harassing ex-partner

Report by James Pugh

**A MAN who admitted harassing his former partner has been jailed.**

The harassment put James Frederick Dowd, aged 51, in breach of a previous suspended sentence.

Dowd, of Peckforton Way at Upton near Chester, appeared from custody at Flintshire Magistrates Court at Mold and admitted harassing Phillip Anthony Evans at Chirk near Oswestry between September 12 and 17.

The court heard that the couple had been in a 20-year relationship and it ended amicably. But then the defendant began contacting the victim demanding the return of a suit.

The complainant knew nothing of any suit but called the police when calls were made in the early hours and became more threatening, the court was told.

Dowd was jailed for 10 weeks and District Judge Gwyn Jones made a two-year restraining order not to contact his ex-partner.

The judge said that while the initial contact was courteous it became totally inappropriate in view of their nature and timing.

Calls had been made in the early hours when the judge said that the defendant had been drinking too much and was not able to see things clearly. It occurred while he was on a suspended sentence, which he had breached for a second time.

Defending solicitor Steve Coupe said that it was conceded that his client had breached the suspended sentence previously by committing an offence of being drunk and disorderly.

## Jamie dives into charity challenge



Well known butcher Jamie Ward did a skydive to raise money for Derwen College

A WELL known butcher has successfully completed a sponsored sky dive for a specialist college.

Jamie Ward, 57, was sponsored by Arthurs Motor Group, the family owned award-winning motor dealers with branches in Oswestry, Newtown and Wrexham, to raise funds for Derwen College at Gobowen.

He has so far raised around £1,000 towards the refurbishment of their existing swimming pool and installation of a new hydrotherapy pool as part of their 90th anniversary celebrations.

Jamie, a governor at Derwen College, said: "It was a first for me and was great fun. I am very pleased to have raised a good deal of money for the Derwen College."

He added that his sky dive at Tilstock Airfield, Whitechurch, had been "exciting and exhilarating".

Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams said: "We have sponsored many different activities over the years, but the sky dive is a first for us."

He added: "We congratulate Jamie on his feat and wish him continued success in fundraising for the college on its 90th anniversary."

## Fracking not suitable for county says campaigner

THE geology of Shropshire is unsuitable for fracking, a campaigner has claimed.

Chris Hesketh, leader of campaign group Frack Free Dudleyston, said the geology of the county is unsuitable even though there is plenty of coal.

Mr Hesketh said in North Shropshire, around Whitechurch, there are shale deposits that are claimed to be thick enough to be suitable for fracking.

He said however the fact that the shale is extremely deep underground makes it even less likely that it will be economic to extract.

Mr Hesketh's warning comes after professor John Underhill, chief scientist at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, suggested the UK is "55 million years too late" for the gas extraction technique to work.

He said reservoirs of shale gas had been damaged by seismic activity 55 million years ago, causing some of the deposits to escape.

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, involves drilling into the earth then injecting liquid into the rock at high pressure, forcing apart fractures and allowing gas to escape.

Opponents of the technique claim it will harm the environment, but supporters say it is a beneficial source of energy.

In Dudleyston, near Oswestry, the plans to operate an exploratory borehole for coal bed methane exploration had been contested for months without a final decision from Shropshire Council, before the applicant, IGas Energy, submitted an appeal. The case then went to the Planning Inspectorate before it was eventually withdrawn in July last year when the licence with the landowner ended.

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## Castle was bigger than first thought

THE excavation of Oswestry Castle has found that it was once much bigger than originally thought.

Archaeologists have completed their dig at the castle and as well as discovering more about the overall layout have discovered another building next to it. The Oswestry Castle Community Research Project received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to further excavate and research the history of the castle.

It follows on from a successful excavation last year on the castle mound, which revealed the well preserved base of a previously unknown early Norman tower keep.

Work will start again in May next year. A report into the findings is expected to be published in 2020.

## Ramble group to walk from basin

THE Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be an eight-mile circular walk from Trevor Basin led by Heather Smith.

The walk will go through Trevor Hall woods, and Independence Quarry, up to Castell Dinas Bran, then returning along the canal.

All are welcome, but no dogs are allowed on the walk.

People should meet at 9am at the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref. SJ 226 076), from where transport may be available.

Those wishing to go directly to the starting point should meet at the aqueduct car park (OS grid ref. SJ 272 423) ready for a 10.15 am start.

For further information telephone (01691) 656541.

On Sunday, September 17 The Welshpool Ramblers undertook a seven mile circular walk from Llanerfyl. Due to the last minute unavailability of the planned leader, Sandra Smith agreed to lead the walk.

# Powerful machines draw in the crowds



Trucks came from far and wide to take part in the show



TV actor Craig Charles meets fans at the truck show



Ben Peate of St Martins near Oswestry gives a wave

# Trucks go on show

**TRUCK enthusiasts defied overcast weather and muddy fields to turn out for Trucking Live at Oswestry Showground and see some of the best haulage machines around.**

Hundreds of trucks from around Shropshire and from across the UK were on show at the event on the showground across Saturday and Sunday.

The long running event attracts big crowds, and this year was no different.

One of the truck companies showing off their impressive machines was Stanian, a Manchester based haulage firm.

## Report by Jonny Drury

Stanian's fleet of 40 trucks have become well known all over the country, due to their decorated cabs.

Designed by a member of the team, each individual truck has a different theme across it, with some showing Disney films from years gone by, and other well known films and programmes.

Owner Phil Chambers said it was great to take the trucks out across the country to meet the trucking fans.

He said: "They are designed by one of the staff, and when they come out to shows like this everyone wants to see them."

"We were in Knutsford last week, and we always come to Oswestry, it is a great

show. We've been running for 35 years now and have 40 haulage trucks that go all over the country and go abroad.

"The designs turn heads for sure. You'll get people slowing up on the motorway, people go racing down the outside lane but then stop when they see the cab."

It wasn't just the trucks that were on show at the big trucking event at the weekend.

The special guest on Sunday was actor Craig Charles, known for his roles in Coronation Street, Red Dwarf and the original host of Robot Wars.

Meanwhile, people flocked to the retail village to grab their trucking merchandise, with a miniature steam railway, and stunt shows also taking place.



Special guest Craig Charles poses for a selfie



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schools, Moreton Hall has risen over 100 places to be positioned in the top 100 schools for 2017 A-level results.  
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Exceptional pastoral care, detailed

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**Tribute**

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### Barn conversion offers spacious accommodation

In a semi-rural setting, Little Wootton Barn at Queens Head, Oswestry is an L-shaped barn conversion with spacious accommodation, which is in part on two levels.

It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £400,000. It features a "Schuller" fitted kitchen and breakfast room including an oil-fired range, three reception rooms, two fitted with oil fired radiant fire units, a large rear conservatory overlooking the enclosed garden area, one double and one single garage and a detached timber built stable block with two stables. There are also five bedrooms, three en-suite bathrooms and a family bathroom, including a ground floor bedroom with an en-suite bathroom, double glazing and oil-fired central heating. It also has a cloakroom/ WC, an inner hallway, study and an entrance hall. In more detail the kitchen has been recently re-fitted with Ash built cupboards and granite work surfaces. A pair of doors give access to both the enclosed rear courtyard and the rear garden and patio area. The lounge has a solid timber finished floor, exposed joinery to the vaulted ceiling, dual aspect with doors opening to the fore and rear courtyard, and a feature fireplace housing the oil-fired stove. There is a large reception room with a central staircase rising to one of the first floor levels, full height glazing to the fore, glazed doors through to the conservatory, vaulted beamed ceiling and a feature fireplace housing an oil-fired radiant fire.

The master bedroom is triple aspect with exposed ceiling beams and an extensive range of fitted wardrobe and drawer units with dressing table to two walls and an en-suite bathroom. A staircase from the entrance hall rises to bedroom two with a built-in wardrobe and Velux skylight, and access to the en-suite bathroom with a Velux skylight. Bedroom two has a Velux skylight, a double wardrobe and exposed beams. Bedroom four has exposed beams and a Velux skylight. The family bathroom also has a Velux skylight. A timber balustraded staircase rises from the reception room to a galleried landing area which overlooks the room below.

Bedroom five has a Velux skylight, exposed beams, built-in wardrobe and an en-suite bathroom.

### KEY FEATURES

- L-shaped barn conversion
- Garaging & stable block
- In part on two levels
- Three reception rooms
- Five bedrooms

QUEENS HEAD £400,000



### TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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## Stunning farmhouse enjoys superb views

**LLANRHAeadR**  
**£450,000**

Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000. The property is situated on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



## Property in picturesque village dates back to 1800s

**WHITTINGTON**  
**£285,000**

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A semi-detached village cottage located in a popular road, Westbourne House, 11 Top Street, Whittington near Oswestry, is set in a garden plot.

The property is on the market through JJ Dell and Co with a guide price of £285,000. The home is situated in a quiet road within the village.

The property is a traditionally constructed semi-detached house. The home dates back to the 1800s with a 1980s extension and also has the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, utility, shower room, kitchen and bathroom. There are three bedrooms and the property also has a dining room, sitting room and sun room.

For more details contact JJ Dell and Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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- Spacious Detached Dormer House
- Views Overlooking The Valley
- GFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Four Bedrooms (Master En Suite)
- Paddock - In All Approx. 2 Acres
- EPC Band - E

JJD973

**GUIDE PRICE £450,000**

### WYKEY, RUYTON XI TOWNS



- Early Nineteenth Century Country Property
- In total Approx. Three And A Half Acres
- GFCH & DG
- Three Reception
- Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Outbuildings
- Gardens & Pool
- EPC Band - JJD985

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- Spacious Detached Bungalow With Views Overlooking The Town
- GFCH & DG
- Reception Hall
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
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### TREFLACH, NR. OSWESTRY



- Spacious Detached House Occupying Attractive Position
- Stunning Views Towards Shropshire Plain
- Reception Hall
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Cloakroom & Study
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
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- Double Garage
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- Period Town House Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
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- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Study
- Dining Room & Lounge
- Cellar & Attic Room
- Three Bedrooms
- New Bathroom
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**£550 PCM**

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- EPC Band - E

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**14 Roundwood Close, Oswestry**
**£164,500**

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**9 Berwyn Drive, St Martins**
**£185,000**

Detached chalet style bungalow. Living room, Kitchen/Breakfast. Two g/floor bedrooms and bathroom, attic bedroom and adjoining box room. Gas C/H, D/G and cavity wall insulation. Garage and enclosed level gardens. EPC Rating: 66(D)

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**Derwent Ucha, Old Racecourse, Oswestry**
**£365,000**

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**Cartrefle, Llansantffraid**
**£189,950**

Grade II listed mid-terraced 3 bedroom village house. 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast, cloakroom. Enclosed rear yard and detached garden area. Affording scope for enhancement subject to listed building consent.

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**18 High Fawr Close**
**£295,000**

Spacious detached 4 bedroom house. Kitchen/breakfast room including appliances. Gas C/H. D/G. Large attic room over garage. L-shaped lounge/diner. Enclosed rear gardens, large drive and hardstanding to the fore. EPC Rating = 58(D). No onward chain.

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**Domgay House & Chapel, Four Crosses**
**£550,000**

Substantial & imposing Grade II Listed house which dates from around 1800. Maintained to a high standard. Lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen & utility, 3 generous bedrooms, en-suite & main bathroom. Attached Grade II Listed former Chapel about 970 Sq.ft. Ample parking & a useful outbuilding adjacent to the garden. EPC not required).

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**20 Marshfields, Maesbury Marsh**  
**£119,950**

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**Rosebank, Station Road, Pant**  
**£179,950**

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**RUYTUN XI TOWNS**  
**£355,000**

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Now on the market for the first time in nearly 40 years, this property, which dates from the 17th century, is now for sale through Balfours at £355,000.

Set within a quarter of an acre of mature gardens and grounds, Smithy House has three main reception rooms plus a conservatory, kitchen, pantry and ground floor wet room. Agent, Duncan Scobie of Balfours said: "From the sandstone inglenooks and conservatory base to the wonderful web of timbers, this is a very unique and charming property. It is well laid out with each of the reception rooms of good proportions.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Country cottage in idyllic setting is beautifully presented

**MOELFRE**  
**£380,000**

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A beautifully presented three-bedroomed detached country cottage in an idyllic setting, Garreg Lwyd at Moelfre near Llansilin has been sympathetically renovated.

Being tastefully decorated and having stunning views towards the Berwyn Mountains and Moelfre Lake, it is for sale through Town & Country at £380,000.

The property is warmed by oil central heating and has double glazing. The gardens are lawned and shrubbed to the front and rear, with a barbecue and seating area ideal for entertaining.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a living room, a conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom.

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**Hawthorn Grove Oswestry** £115,000

- A 2 Bedroom Mid-Terraced house situated within a popular residential area
- Hallway, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- An enclosed rear garden laid mainly to lawn
- Decked patio providing an outdoor seating area.
- Paved patio area directly off the rear of the property.
- Parking to the front of the property.
- UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Fired Central Heating

**Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant** £450,000

- A stunning Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- Situated in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley
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- Kitchen Lounge; Kitchen; Utility
- Room; Rear Lobby; Pantry
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- Gun Room; Cellar; 5 First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom; 5 Attic Rooms
- Large Gardens; Orchard/Paddock.

**Glentworth Morda** £375,000

- A substantial Detached 4 Bedroom Family Home
- Within walking distance of the Market Town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Music Room, Office, Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room, and Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite
- 2nd Bedroom with En-suite, two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom.
- The property stands on a plot of 1/3 acre with front and rear gardens
- Orchard/vegetable patch, poly-tunnel and patio areas
- Driveway and Double garage with workshop.

**Regent Court Oswestry** £110,000

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
- Security entrance system
- EPC Rating C '71'

**Beeches Avenue Gobowen** £124,995

- A well proportioned 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Cloakroom and Work Room
- Family Bathroom, two double bedrooms
- The second bedroom opening into the third double bedroom
- Good sized rear garden mainly laid to lawn with shrub borders
- Driveway to the front of the property.
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout

**Homestead Avenue St Martins** £239,950

- A well proportioned 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of St Martins
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Private rear garden and off road parking and garage to the fore.
- Oil central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating awaited. NO CHAIN

**Rowan Close Gobowen** £159,995

- An well appointed 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Situated within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Well maintained front and rear garden together with off road parking
- Gas central heating and hardwood double glazing.
- EPC Rating D (65)

**Waterfall St Llanrhaeadr YM** £110,000

- 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
- D/G and Electric Storage Heater
- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN

**West Place Gobowen** £120,000

- A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Situated in the popular village of Gobowen
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room and separate WC.
- Good size plot with off road parking and enclosed rear garden.
- Partial double glazing and storage heaters
- EPC Rating G

**Kings Vale Baschurch** £324,950

- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home with Integral Garage
- Situated in the popular village of Baschurch
- Open plan Kitchen/Diner, Utility, cloaks
- Spacious Living rm with bay window
- Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes & En-suite
- 3 further Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway
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**Moors Lane St Martins** £310,000

- An immaculately presented 3/4 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Situated in a quiet area, with immediate proximity to Shropshire Union Canal
- Period character features including inglenook fireplace and beamed ceilings
- Ent Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Reception Room, Shower Room, Kitchen and Utility
- On the first floor there are 2 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Good size gardens and ample off road parking
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D (65)

**Abraham Court Oswestry** £79,995

- This beautifully appointed ground floor purpose built apartment
- House Manager with Caroline backup ensuring help 24 hours a day
- Camera controlled entry phone system, sealed unit D/G & night storage heating
- resident's lounge & Guest suite with en-suite facilities
- A lift services to all floors.

**Hampton Rise Oswestry** £325,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Situated within a desirable established residential location
- Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Utility.
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot with mature front and rear gardens
- Driveway and double garage
- Oil central heating and double glazing
- EPC Rating D (60)
- NO CHAIN

**Castle Street Oswestry** £99,995

- Deceptively spacious and immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Terrace House
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- NO CHAIN - A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular village of Ardleean,
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- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property offers gardens to front, side and rear.
- Oil Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating

**Ashlands Road Weston Rhyn** £114,995

- This presented 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Situated close the centre of the popular village of Weston Rhyn
- Living Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens and off road parking for 2 vehicles.
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- EPC Rating B (82)

**Almond Avenue Gobowen** £125,000

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, large Lounge and Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with off road parking & enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating
- Solid oak floors fitted throughout

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# Traditional Welsh stone farmhouse dates back to 1690

FRONCYSYLLTE  
£575,000

A stunning traditional Welsh stone farmhouse, Blaenau Dwr at Froncysyllte dates back in parts to 1690, with records showing it was part of the Chirk Castle Estate from 1695.

It has many original features such as a stone fireplace with oak mantel, a Welsh slate hearth and cast iron wood burning stove, beamed ceilings and wooden flooring. There are 6.5 acres of gardens, paddocks and fields with far reaching views across to Llangollen and the open countryside. In addition to the farmhouse there is a former stone built coach house with planning permission to convert to an annexe or bed and breakfast accommodation. It is for sale through Town & Country at £575,000. Its accommodation briefly comprises a porch, boot room, family room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, inner hallway, utility/office, landing, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its



idyllic location. In more detail the entrance/boot room has exposed floorboards and a solid timber door. The family room has exposed floorboards, an open ceiling to the eaves and opens out to the kitchen and lounge. An impressive room, the lounge has stripped floorboards, a beamed ceiling, exposed stone wall and a large stone inglenook with a beam over and a log burner. The dining room is full of character with a window to the front, a door to the porch, stripped flooring, a brick arched inglenook with a log fire inset, beamed ceiling, a built-in cupboard and a wooden staircase leading to the first floor.

The porch has slate flooring. The stunning contemporary kitchen/breakfast room has bi-folding doors opening out to the onto the garden. The inner hallway has a partially converted room off with provision for a wet room.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



## Detached home on a substantial plot comes with good gardens

OSWESTRY  
£176,500

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A charming detached three-bedroomed property on a substantial plot, 74 Llys Road, Oswestry is well presented throughout and has parking for numerous vehicles.

With generous lawned gardens and a wood burning stove in the lounge, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £176,500. With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with the wood-burning stove, a dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The private gardens include a generous lawned area with hedging and fencing for privacy with a paved patio area and shrubbed borders. The attached single garage has an up and over door, an integral door to the kitchen and an external door to the rear.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.



## Property near village has a large garage and also a workshop annexe

ST MARTINS  
£425,000

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Smithy Cottage, Street Dinas, Overton Road is located approximately one mile from St Martins village.

The property has a guide price of £425,000 and it is on the market through JJ Dell and Co. There is no chain. There is also a large garage and workshop annexe with an extensive parking area. The accommodation includes a covered porch, hall and stairs, a modern fitted kitchen which has a stable door to the rear porch. There is also a utility, living room, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The property occupies a large plot along a country lane, and is approached over an in and out gravelled driveway providing ample parking for up to six cars with turning area.

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# September 30



**Match of the Day**  
*10.30pm*  
Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Manchester City and Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur.



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**WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails**  
*8pm*  
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**Football on 5: The Championship**  
*9pm*  
Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Cardiff City v Derby County and Ipswich Town v Bristol City.

BBC1	
6.00	<b>Breakfast.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Chefs Helen Puolakka and Carl Clarke joins Matt Tebbutt in the kitchen this weekend, while Olly Smith selects wines to accompany dishes prepared in the studio.
11.30	<b>The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food.</b> Si King and Dave Myers give a traditional pudding a new look. (R)
12.00	<b>Football Focus.</b> Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's fixtures, which include Chelsea v Manchester City and Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur.
1.00	<b>BBC News; Weather.</b>
1.15	<b>Rugby League: Super League Play-Off Highlights.</b> Tanya Arnold presents action from the semi-finals, as the four remaining teams battled for a place in the Grand Final at Old Trafford.
2.15	<b>Bargain Hunt.</b> In Oswestry, Shropshire, antiques experts Jonathan Pratt and John Cameron assist two teams of friends competing to buy three items in the hope of making the most profit at auction.
3.15	<b>Escape to the Country.</b> A couple seek a romantic retirement home in the Dorset countryside. (R)
4.00	<b>Final Score.</b> Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland.
5.10	<b>Invictus Games 2017.</b>
5.40	<b>BBC News.</b>
5.50	<b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>
6.00	<b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> Callum Smith, Anthony Crolla, Kelly Sotherton, Ashia Hansen, Neil Robertson, Ken Doherty, Vicky Gomersall and Charlotte Jackson take part in a sport-themed edition of the quiz show.
6.45	<b>Strictly Come Dancing.</b> The threat of the show's first elimination looms for the pro-celebrity couples, as the points from last week's opening round are added to this week's scores ahead of a public vote.
8.50	<b>Casualty.</b> Connie tries to take her mind off her health concerns by helping Ethan improve his teaching abilities, and Elle bonds with a young patient's father.
9.40	<b>Mrs Brown's Boys.</b> Rory and Dino have a bust-up, Mark and Betty announce they are leaving for Australia right away and a phone call causes the Brown children to suspect one of them may be adopted. (R)
10.10	<b>BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.</b>
10.30	<b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Manchester City and Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur.
11.55	<b>The NFL Show.</b> Mark Chapman presents highlights of Green Bay Packers v Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.25	<b>FILM: The Salton Sea (2002).</b> A bereaved husband is drawn into a shady world of thugs and drug addicts as he tries to save his neighbour. Crime thriller, starring Val Kilmer.
2.00	<b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>
2.05	<b>BBC News.</b>

BBC2	
6.15	<b>How We Won the War.</b> (R)
6.45	<b>Coast.</b> (R)
7.30	<b>FILM: Herbie Goes Bananas (1980).</b> Disney adventure, starring Cloris Leachman.
9.00	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!: Saturday Mash-Up!</b>
9.10	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!: Danger Mouse.</b>
9.35	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!: Danger Mouse.</b>
10.00	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!: The Next Step.</b>
10.20	<b>Saturday Mash-Up!: The Next Step.</b>
11.00	<b>Natural World.</b> (R)
12.00	<b>Rick Stein's Long Weekends.</b> The chef visits the Spanish city of Cadiz. (R)
1.00	<b>Flog It!</b> From the Imperial War Museum Duxford in Cambridgeshire.
1.30	<b>Mastermind.</b> Specialist subjects include RMS Lusitania and Everton FC. (R)
2.00	<b>University Challenge.</b> Imperial College v University of Strathclyde. (R)
2.30	<b>Only Connect.</b> A team of fashion fans takes on a group of football coaches. (R)
3.00	<b>Rowing: World Championships.</b> Matthew Pinsent presents live coverage from Sarasota, Florida.
5.30	<b>Gardeners' World.</b> Monty Don demonstrates how to prune climbing roses. (R)
6.30	<b>The Big Family Cooking Showdown.</b> Hearty helpings and Persian-inspired cuisine are the order of the day, as the Bellamores of South Wales face the Bellamys of Dorset in the penultimate round of heats. (R)
7.30	<b>Front Row.</b> Nikki Bedi is joined in discussion by Ian Hislop, and street artist Bambi tours the new Jean-Michel Basquiat exhibition. Plus, American pop duo Sparks perform live.
8.00	<b>Britain Afloat.</b> New series. Mary-Ann Ochota explores the history of river boats in Britain, beginning with Thames barges, which were used from Victorian times through to the early 20th century.
8.30	<b>Dad's Army.</b> Mainwaring and Wilson decide to recruit women into the platoon to take care of the less demanding tasks, but the captain loses his heart to an attractive widow. (R)
9.00	<b>Stop All the Clocks: WH Auden in an Age of Anxiety.</b> Adam Low explores the contemporary relevance of the poetry of WH Auden, with help from Alan Bennett, Polly Clark, Alexander McCall Smith, Richard Curtis and more.
10.00	<b>Kate Tempest Presents.</b> An evening of live poetry and performance at the BBC's inaugural Contains Strong Language festival, forming part of in Hull's 2017 City of Culture events programme.
10.30	<b>Later – with Jools Holland.</b> New series. Return of the music programme, featuring appearances by Liam Gallagher, Benjamin Clementine, Jorja Smith, LCD Soundsystem and Jimmy Webb.
11.35	<b>FILM: The Edge of Love (2008).</b> Fact-based period drama about the unlikely friendship between the wife and lover of poet Dylan Thomas. Starring Keira Knightley, Sienna Miller, Cillian Murphy and Matthew Rhys.
1.20	<b>FILM: Trishna (2011).</b> Romantic drama, starring Freida Pinto and Riz Ahmed.
3.05	<b>This is BBC2.</b>

ITV	
6.00	<b>CITV: Sooty</b> 6.10 <b>Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b> 6.35 <b>Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures</b> 6.45 <b>Super 4</b> 7.00 <b>Mission Employable</b> 7.05 <b>Oddbods</b> 7.10 <b>Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors</b>
7.30	<b>Scrambled!: Scrambled!</b> Two hours of children's fun.
7.35	<b>Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.</b> Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
7.50	<b>Scrambled!: Fangbone.</b> Bill convinces Fangbone to take a break. (R)
8.10	<b>Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls.</b> (R)
8.30	<b>Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.</b> An eccentric scientist's outlandish warnings prove to be true when a dormant volcano erupts.
9.00	<b>Scrambled!: Adventure Time.</b> Fun for children.
9.25	<b>ITV News.</b>
9.30	<b>Saturday Morning with James Martin.</b> With guests Belinda Carlisle and Michael Caines.
11.25	<b>The Hungry Sailors.</b> Dick and James Strawbridge head farther up the River Fal. (R)
12.20	<b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>
12.25	<b>Midsomer Murders.</b> A sex scandal resurfaces following the murder of a former detective. (R)
2.25	<b>Catchphrase.</b> Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
3.10	<b>The X Factor.</b> Dermot O'Leary presents the final selection of room auditions. (R)
4.10	<b>Thunderbirds Are Go.</b> An eccentric scientist's outlandish warnings prove to be true when a dormant volcano erupts. (R)
4.40	<b>Little Big Shots.</b> Dawn French hosts the latest episode of the variety show. (R)
5.35	<b>ITV News Central; Weather.</b>
5.45	<b>ITV News and Weather.</b>
6.00	<b>Cannonball.</b> Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.
7.00	<b>The Family Chase.</b> Bradley Walsh hosts as the O'Hares from Liverpool face a general knowledge duel against one of show's professional quizzers.
8.00	<b>The X Factor: Bootcamp.</b> Dermot O'Leary presents the Bootcamp stage of this year's contest, as the judges set the long-listed contestants a series of tests to demonstrate their ability to sing and dance.
9.30	<b>The Jonathan Ross Show.</b> The host is joined in the studio by US actress and singer Demi Lovato, Doc Martin star Martin Clunes, TV presenter Holly Willoughby and X Factor 2012 winner James Arthur.
10.30	<b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>
10.45	<b>FILM: American Pie 2 (2001).</b> The teenage friends get together after their first year at college and set out to broaden their sexual horizons over the summer. Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs and Chris Klein.
12.40	<b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	<b>The Hungry Sailors.</b> The duo continue to explore the island of Jersey. (R)
3.50	<b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>

Channel 4	
6.00	<b>Nic Hamilton's Racing Dream.</b> Documentary from 2011 following Lewis Hamilton's half-brother Nic. (R)
6.55	<b>Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.</b> Lee McKenzie presents coverage from the 15th round of the season.
8.25	<b>F1 Meets Nigel Mansell.</b> An interview with the 1992 world champion. (R)
8.55	<b>Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Live.</b> Coverage of the Malaysian Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 10.00am).
11.45	<b>World's Most Expensive Cars.</b> Ant Anstead attends auctions in New York, California and the south of France. (R)
12.40	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Lisa enters a singing competition. (R)
1.05	<b>The Simpsons.</b> Bart creates a range of novelty T-shirts. (R)
1.30	<b>Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying.</b> Another chance to see the Malaysian Grand Prix qualifying session.
3.30	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> Jasmine Harman helps a couple find a seaside home on the Costa Calida. (R)
4.30	<b>A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</b> A couple hoping to buy a property in Cyprus. (R)
5.35	<b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are house-hunting in Croydon. (R)
6.30	<b>Channel 4 News.</b>
7.00	<b>Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.</b> The Time Team veteran ventures along Offa's Dyke, which roughly follows the border between England and Wales, and visits the site some believe to be the grave of King Arthur.
8.00	<b>WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.</b> Monty Halls tells the story of how 33 SAS soldiers parachuted into Nazi-occupied northern Italy to carry out unpredictable rapid attacks, causing chaos among the fascist ranks.
9.00	<b>FILM: Now You See Me (2013).</b> An FBI agent investigates four magicians who use their lavish stage shows as cover for seemingly impossible heists. Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo.
11.15	<b>FILM: Transcendence (2014).</b> A scientist is assassinated, but resurrected as an artificial intelligence that makes horrific plans for the human race. Sci-fi drama, with Johnny Depp and Rebecca Hall.
1.20	<b>The Last Leg.</b> Joanna Lumley and Russell Howard join Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R)
2.15	<b>Hollyoaks.</b> Omnibus. Maxine and Darcy have a run-in, while Ellie and Holly decide to plan a spa night to forget about the anniversary of last year's traffic light party.
4.20	<b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two couples from Gloucestershire who are looking for properties to reflect the change of direction their lives have taken. (R)
5.15	<b>Too Many Cooks.</b> Three couples compete to cater for a 50th birthday party. (R)
5.40	<b>Four in a Bed.</b> (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	<b>Milkshake!:</b> Poppy Cat 6.10 <b>Little Princess</b> 6.25 <b>The Mr Men Show</b> 6.35 <b>Milkshake! Monkey</b> 6.40 <b>Milkshake! Bopping About</b> 6.45 <b>Simon</b> 6.50 <b>Peppa Pig</b> 6.55 <b>Wissper</b> 7.05 <b>Paw Patrol</b> 7.15 <b>Bob the Builder</b> 7.30 <b>Fireman Sam</b> 7.40 <b>Olly the Little White Van</b> 7.45 <b>Paw Patrol</b> 8.00 <b>Blaze and the Monster Machines</b> 8.25 <b>Noddy: Toyland Detective</b> 8.45 <b>Floogals</b> 9.00 <b>Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b> 9.10 <b>Shimmer and Shine</b> 9.30 <b>Digby Dragon</b> 9.45 <b>Peppa Pig</b> 9.55 <b>Peppa Pig</b> 10.00 <b>Olly the Little White Van</b>
10.10	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> (R)
10.45	<b>Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.</b> (R)
11.40	<b>On Benefits: Depressed, Stressed and Repossessed.</b> An ex-cabaret performer claiming sickness benefits for depression. (R)
12.40	<b>Nightmare Tenants: Get Out of My House.</b> A tenant is found to have been running a business from a rented property. (R)
1.35	<b>Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.</b> A landlord discovers a couple are subletting his house. (R)
2.35	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A Norwich man who hatched a plan to oust his noisy neighbour. (R)
3.35	<b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> A Monmouthshire man fenced in by his neighbours. (R)
4.35	<b>5 News Weekend.</b>
4.40	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Agents chase over £1,500 of unpaid parking fines in Manchester. (R)
5.35	<b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> An agent is physically assaulted by a debtor's wife. (R)
6.35	<b>FILM: The Fifth Element (1997).</b> A 23rd-century New York cab driver protects a mysterious woman destined to save the world from destruction. Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman and Milla Jovovich.
7.35	<b>5 News Update.</b>
7.40	<b>FILM: The Fifth Element (1997).</b> A 23rd-century New York cab driver protects a mysterious woman destined to save the world from destruction. Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman and Milla Jovovich.
9.00	<b>Football on 5: The Championship.</b> Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Cardiff City v Derby County, Ipswich Town v Bristol City, and Reading v Norwich City.
10.00	<b>Football on 5: Goal Rush.</b> Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers, and Exeter City v Morecambe.
10.25	<b>FILM: Jumper (2008).</b> A man with the ability to teleport is hunted by a secret religious society determined to wipe out all of his kind. Fantasy thriller, with Hayden Christensen and Samuel L Jackson.
12.05	<b>SuperCasino.</b>
3.10	<b>FILM: Throw Momma from the Train (1987).</b> Black comedy, directed by and starring Danny DeVito.
4.40	<b>Access.</b> (R)
4.50	<b>Divine Designs.</b> (R)
5.20	<b>Wildlife SOS.</b> (R)
5.45	<b>Chinese Food in Minutes.</b> (R)



# October 1



**Countryfile**  
**6.15pm**  
Ellie Harrison presents the show from the Yorkshire border of the Peak District, following in the footsteps of the Clarion Ramblers, England's first working men's walking society.



**Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?**  
**8pm**  
The finalists go to the shuttle landing facility on Florida's Space Coast, where they experience weightlessness for the first time before the winner is chosen.



**Victoria**  
**9pm**  
The queen is faced with a famine sweeping Ireland, and a determined Reverend (Line of Duty's Martin Compston) turns up on her doorstep, demanding help for his parish.



**The Crystal Maze**  
**4.15pm**  
Richard Ayoade guides a group of plucky young students known as the Well Read and Underfed through the Aztec, Medieval, Industrial and Future zones of the Maze.



**Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights**  
**8pm**  
Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the fifth round of matches, including Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs.

## BBC1

- 6.00** **Breakfast.**  
**7.35** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Manchester City and Huddersfield Town v Tottenham Hotspur. (R)
- 9.00** **The Andrew Marr Show.**  
**10.00** **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00** **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Sarah Smith. Including a regional round-up.
- 12.15** **Bargain Hunt.** From the National Botanic Garden of Wales. (R)
- 1.00** **BBC News: Weather.**  
**1.15** **Money for Nothing.** Sarah Moore rescues a granite workshop from Altrincham Recycling Centre. (R)
- 2.00** **Escape to the Country.** Sonali Shah offers advice to a couple who are looking for a property in West Sussex on a budget of £625,000, and also stops off at a heritage steam railway. (R)
- 3.00** **Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
- 3.15** **Songs of Praise.** Sean Fletcher celebrates 60 years of the space race.
- 3.50** **How to Stay Young.** In the final episode, a woman discovers the damage her diet is doing to her skin, and an ex-policeman scores the worst body age seen on the programme so far. (R)
- 4.50** **Invictus Games 2017.** JJ Chalmers and Daraine Mulvihill welcome a number of medal winners to the studio, while there are also highlights of the closing ceremony in Toronto.
- 5.50** **BBC News.**  
**6.05** **Midlands Today: Weather.**  
**6.15** **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison presents the show from the Yorkshire border of the Peak District, following in the footsteps of the Clarion Ramblers, England's first working men's walking society.
- 7.15** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** The judges scores are combined with the results of the public vote to decide which two couples must fight to avoid elimination in a dance-off. Plus, Emeli Sandé performs.
- 8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents the show from Minehead Railway Station, where the experts value items with connections to the Beatles, Rodin and the Russian royal family.
- 9.00** **The Last Post.** New series. Drama about military police in a 1960s British colony on the Red Sea coast. A new officer arrives in Aden to take over command from a much-loved captain.
- 10.00** **BBC News.**  
**10.20** **Midlands Today: Weather.**  
**10.30** **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool, Everton v Burnley and Arsenal v Brighton & Hove Albion.
- 11.35** **The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.
- 12.10** **Weather for the Week Ahead.**  
**12.15** **BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.00** **Great British Garden Revival.** James Wong visits the Lost Gardens of Heligan as he champions the cause of the rhododendron, while Christine Walkden puts the case forward for the carnation. (R)
- 7.00** **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don shows how to prune and train the exuberant summer growth of climbing roses and makes the most of remaining warmth by planting perennials and sowing annuals for next year. (R)
- 8.00** **The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McCall and Carole Baxter show off the best coloured flowers for autumn.
- 8.30** **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Charlotte Smith present Countryfile's annual shepherding contest. (R)
- 9.30** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites – Sunday Edition.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
- 11.00** **Athletics: Great Scottish Run.** Dougie Vipond presents coverage of the half-marathon staged in Glasgow, which is the largest mass-participation event in Scotland. With reports from David Currie and Rhona McLeod.
- 1.45** **NFL Live.** New Orleans Saints v Miami Dolphins (Kick-off 2.30pm). Coverage of the match from the fourth round of fixtures, which takes place at Wembley Stadium.
- 6.00** **Rugby League Super League Playoff Highlights.** Leigh Centurions v Catalan Dragons. Tanya Arnold presents action from the Million Pound Game at Leigh Sports Village, as the teams battled for a place in next season's Super League.
- 7.00** **Russia with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer travels across the world's biggest country, from the snow-capped volcanoes of Kamchatka and Yakutia, to the eastern port of Vladivostok and on to Siberia. (R)
- 8.00** **Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?** The finalists go to the shuttle landing facility on Florida's Space Coast, where they experience weightlessness for the first time before the winner is chosen. Last in the series.
- 9.00** **Dragons' Den.** The panel assesses the profit-making potential of more business ideas, including boxing technology, a coffee company, and a fashion advisor for men.
- 10.00** **Dawn French Live: 30 Million Minutes.** A recording of the comedienne's critically acclaimed one-woman show, which takes her audience on a journey through her life's experiences. Previously seen on BBC4.
- 11.55** **FILM: Isn't She Great (2000).** Biopic of novelist Jacqueline Susann, author of the best-selling novel, Valley of the Dolls. Starring Bette Midler.
- 1.25** **Sign Zone: Question Time.** David Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Wolverhampton, where panellists include Labour Party chairman Ian Lavery. (R)
- 2.25** **Sign Zone: Holby City.** In the aftermath of the wedding, Zosia has a heart-breaking decision to make, while Dom and Lofty find themselves in an awkward situation when Dom's boyfriend winds up on Keller. (R)
- 3.25** **This Is BBC2.**

## ITV

- 6.00** **CITV: Sooty** **6.10** **Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids** **6.35** **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** **6.45** **Super 4** **7.00** **Mission Employable** **7.05** **Oddbods** **7.10** **Thunderbirds Are Go**
- 7.30** **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
- 7.35** **Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
- 7.50** **Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** The hapless halfwit looks for a new home. (R)
- 8.10** **Scrambled!: Ben 10.** (R)
- 8.30** **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang. (R)
- 9.05** **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children.
- 9.25** **ITV News.**
- 9.30** **Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury.** The Cleve Hill Walk in the Cotswolds. (R)
- 10.00** **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
- 10.55** **Amazing Animal Births.** Lucy Cooke helps out a vet performing a caesarean section on a French bulldog. (R)
- 11.25** **Robson Green's Coastal Lives.** The presenter meets a St Ives couple renovating their coastal home. (R)
- 11.55** **Bigheads.** Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show. (R)
- 12.55** **ITV News and Weather: Weather.**
- 1.00** **ITV Racing Live: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.** Coverage of the prestigious meeting from Chantilly.
- 3.30** **The X Factor: Bootcamp.** The contestants are shipped off to Bootcamp. (R)
- 5.00** **Victoria.** The young monarch visits the decadent court of her French counterpart, King Louis Philippe. (R)
- 6.00** **ITV News Central: Weather.**
- 6.10** **ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.30** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which Alan Johnson, Katherine Ryan and Jimmy Bullard answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
- 7.30** **The X Factor: Bootcamp.** Dermot O'Leary presents the Bootcamp stage of this year's contest, as the judges set the long-listed contestants a series of tests to demonstrate their ability to sing and dance.
- 9.00** **Victoria.** The queen is faced with a famine sweeping Ireland, and a determined Reverend (Line of Duty's Martin Compston) turns up on her doorstep, demanding help for his parish.
- 10.05** **ITV News and Weather: Weather.**
- 10.20** **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
- 11.20** **Liar.** Laura's worst fears come to pass and her hidden past is exposed, but she must fight to put her personal struggles aside for the sake of one of her pupils. (R)
- 12.15** **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00** **Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents action from Rockingham.
- 3.50** **ITV Nightscreen.**

## Channel 4

- 6.05** **The King of Queens.** Doug and Carrie meet their neighbours. (R)
- 6.30** **Motor Sport: British GT.** Action from the 10th and final round of the season.
- 7.00** **Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Build-Up.** A look ahead to today's Grand Prix.
- 7.35** **Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live.** Coverage of the 15th race of the season (Start-time 8.00am).
- 10.00** **Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Live Reaction.** In-depth analysis of this morning's race.
- 10.45** **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Jason Manford, Nadine Coyle, George and Larry Lamb, and Simon Reeve.
- 1.30** **Formula 1 Malaysian Grand Prix Re-run.** Another chance to see the 15th race of the season.
- 4.15** **The Crystal Maze.** A group of plucky young students competes. (R)
- 5.15** **The Great British Bake Off.** The eight remaining contestants compete in pudding week. (R)
- 6.30** **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00** **Escape to the Chateau.** Dick gets to work on the walled garden in the spring, and considers the possibility of truffle farming. Angel decorates the dining room with blossoms for a wedding proposal.
- 8.00** **Escape.** New series. A group of five engineers is stranded in the desert with the wreckage from a simulated plane crash and must use it to build a vehicle to escape in. With Ant Middleton.
- 9.00** **Electric Dreams: The Commuter.** A railway station employee meets a passenger travelling to a town that does not exist, and is tempted to follow her in the hope of escaping his unhappy life. Starring Timothy Spall.
- 10.05** **Boris Johnson: Blond Ambition.** Documentary following the first 14 months of the Conservative MP's time as foreign secretary, and examining what his political ambitions may hold for the future.
- 11.00** **FILM: The Three Musketeers (2011).** A hot-headed swordsman and a trio of royal guards fight to foil a plan to overthrow the king of France.
- 1.10** **WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.** The story of a daring SAS mission behind enemy lines in northern Italy. (R)
- 2.05** **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** The Time Team host travels along more of Britain's ancient trackways, beginning in Dartmoor. (R)
- 3.00** **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two couples looking for properties in Buckinghamshire, where they can combine high-flying careers with peaceful small-town life. (R)
- 4.00** **Gillette World Sport.** Including a profile of British scooter prodigy Dante Hutchinson.
- 4.25** **KOTV Boxing Weekly.** Highlights of recent fights featuring Jake Ball and Sergey Lubkovich.
- 4.55** **Too Many Cooks.** Entertainers Dan and Emily throw a party with a South East Asian theme. (R)
- 5.20** **Four in a Bed.** From the Magna Carta in Windsor, Berkshire. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00** **Milkshake!:** Poppy Cat **6.10** **Little Princess** **6.25** **Mr Men** **6.35** **Milkshake! Monkey** **6.40** **Milkshake! Bopping About** **6.45** **Simon** **6.50** **Peppa Pig** **6.55** **Wissper** **7.00** **Bob the Builder** **7.15** **Fireman Sam** **7.35** **Paw Patrol** **7.55** **Blaze and the Monster Machines** **8.20** **Noddy: Toyland Detective** **8.35** **Floogals** **8.55** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.05** **Shimmer and Shine** **9.20** **Digby Dragon** **9.35** **Peppa Pig** **9.45** **Peppa Pig**
- 9.55** **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Leo regrets forming an alliance with Karai. (R)
- 10.30** **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (R)
- 11.30** **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 12.00** **Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of internet videos featuring animals. (R)
- 12.30** **FILM: Bewitched (2005).** Romantic fantasy comedy, with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell.
- 2.30** **FILM: Leap Year (2010).** Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode.
- 4.20** **FILM: Serendipity (2001).** Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack.
- 5.20** **5 News Update.**
- 5.25** **FILM: Serendipity (2001).** Concluded.
- 6.05** **FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013).** Premiere. A farm boy joins a band of knights on a mission to rescue a princess from a kingdom of giants in the sky. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicholas Hoult and Ewan McGregor.
- 7.05** **5 News Update.**
- 7.10** **FILM: Jack the Giant Slayer (2013).** Premiere. Concluded.
- 8.00** **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the fifth round of matches, including Leicester Tigers v Exeter Chiefs, Northampton Saints v Harlequins, and Wasps v Bath.
- 8.55** **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00** **FILM: The Expendables 3 (2014).** Soldier of fortune Barney Ross recruits a new team to battle an arms dealer with a score to settle. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson.
- 10.00** **5 News Update.**
- 10.05** **FILM: The Expendables 3 (2014).** Concluded.
- 11.25** **FILM: Under Siege (1992).** A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones.
- 1.20** **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10** **FILM: Against All Flags (1952).** Swashbuckling adventure, starring Errol Flynn and Maureen O'Hara.
- 4.35** **Chinese Food in Minutes.** Two professional ice-skaters learn to prepare traditional oriental dishes. (R)
- 4.50** **Divine Designs.** High Church architecture. (R)
- 5.20** **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
- 5.45** **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)



**The Ticket**

# Ruth: The Grand is a spiritual home

**S**he's as breathless as a 21-year-old featuring in her first production. Yet Ruth Madoc is one of the most seasoned performers in theatre – a star who played alongside Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor and Peter O'Toole before becoming a household name through TV's *Hi-de-Hi!*

She's back on the road in a new production of *The Wedding Singer*, which features at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tuesday until October 7.

It's 1985. Hair is huge, greed is good and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. When his own fiancée dumps him at the altar a seriously bummed out Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. The hilarious effects play out in *The Wedding Singer*.

Ruth loves the show: "It's fantastic. It's a really good high-octane piece. There's no cynicism. It's absolutely lovely. The audience can sit down and enjoy the beat as well as enjoying the love story. It's very simple but very well done."

*The Wedding Singer* stars Jon Robyns, best known for *Avenue Q*, *Legally Blonde*.

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Sweet-natured Julia, (Cassie Compton: *X Factor*) and her best friend Holly try to lure Robbie out of the dumpster and back into the limelight?

But if he doesn't act quickly, she might head off down the aisle with Wall Street bad boy Glenn (Ray Quinn: *X Factor*, *Dancing On Ice*)? However, Grandma Rosie (Ruth) seems to be able to see that Robbie and Julia are the couple that are meant to be.

Ruth adds: "It's a blast. We started it in February and are slowly coming towards the end. We played Shrewsbury earlier this month and I enjoyed that because I'd never played it. Then we've got the Grand, in Wolverhampton, which I've played many times. I've done all sorts of different things. You name it I've done it. I did *Under Milkwood* when the theatre was privately owned. The lady that owned it owned the Phoenix in London and a theatre in Morecombe. That was 1965/66. I'm really looking forward to it. It's like a spiritual home."

Ruth hits the road with her husband at the start of a production and doesn't look back.

"It's a bit like being a gypsy. We put everything in the back of the Santa Fe and just keep going. We're well into our 70s and my husband and I are like two old kippers in a box."

She enjoys lining up with new stars who are gradually carving out a career. "I'm literally old enough to be their grandmother. But the cast are very good, they never leave me out just because I'm older. If they're going out socially they always include us."

On a song – Ruth Madoc (right) stars in *The Wedding Singer*



I think that's what I like about this show. And the production itself is brilliant. The dancing is just marvellous and the choreography is amazing. I still get an enormous thrill from just looking at the side of the stage and watching it."

Ruth has a remarkable CV. And she's continually re-remembering things that she's done in the past. "Funny enough one of the guys said to me in the cast last night, what did I love? He'd recorded something on Film Four."

It was a film I did with Jonathan Pryce and I'd forgotten I'd done it. It became a cult that. That was amazing. There's been other stuff over the years, like the film of *Fiddler* and the film of *Under Milkwood* with Richard Burton, which was amazing. I was in the original."

She still purrs affectionately when she remembers working with the great Richard Burton.

"He was fabulous. He was absolutely

*The audience can enjoy the beat as well as enjoying the love story*

super to work with. He didn't keep himself to himself, he mixed with the rest of us. There were all sorts in that: Tim Healy, Liz Taylor and Peter O'Toole."

TV, film and theatre have been the mainstays of her career – and she's loved them all. "I have enjoyed TV and stage equally. I love the stage but I love TV and film too. I like it all. I'm greedy."

And yet she's invariably linked with her portrayal of Gladys Pugh, in *Hi-de-Hi*. It's a role that has never left her – and she's grateful for that. A more recent role, in *Little Britain*, has also followed her around.

"I'll never get rid of Gladys but I loved playing her. As for *Little Britain*, well, that was offered to me but when I saw the script, my husband said 'no, it's rude'."

"So I sent it to my son and he read it and he asked if I'd ever seen it. He told me I'd get street cred for doing it, so I went for it and here we are."

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## Members of rotary told about food organisation

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Oswestry have learned about a new food market model which has been operating for the last couple of years in nearby Llangollen.

Part of a nationwide movement pioneered in France, but the first one in Wales, the Llangollen Food Assembly was launched in November 2015 to connect local farmers and producers with their customers.

During an informative talk, the Llangollen Assembly's founder organiser, Robyn Lovegood, known as the Assembly's host, took the audience through its workings from the online ordering system through to customer collection of their orders at The Ponsoby Arms in the town. "This is a fun, sociable way of shopping," Robyn said. "Our customers get the chance to meet the producers of the amazing range of food available in our area who, in turn, receive a fairer proportion of the proceeds. Only a very small percentage of the price is taken up by Food Assembly overheads; money is kept in the local economy. It's one of the main reasons I got involved with the Food Assembly in Llangollen."

The Assembly has its own page on the national Food Assembly website thefoodassembly.com where orders are placed by Monday evening each week and Facebook and Twitter accounts giving details of special offers and news of the producers, including the chance to meet them and hear about their business, fostering a connection between the two. To demonstrate this relationship, Robyn had invited Barbara Jones, local holistic vet and owner of Babbinswood Farm and Veg Shop, to come along with her and talk about supplying vegetables for the Assembly.

# 'Surprise' at support for commissioner move

By Dominic Robertson

**THE chair of Shropshire's Fire Authority said he was "surprised" at poll results which show people are in favour of a joint police and fire commissioner for the region.**

Eric Carter, chairman of Shropshire Fire Authority, has questioned whether the public had known that the fire service is planning to make more than £2 million of savings before they responded.

John Campion, police and crime commissioner for West Mercia, has claimed he can save £4.2 million across the services if his role is expanded to include Shropshire, Herefordshire, and Worcestershire fire authorities. That claim has been cited as a central reason for the public support of the plan. The results of a consultation carried out by Mr Campion showed that 60.7 per cent of the 1,307 people who responded are in favour of single PCC governance.

The figures showed that 67 per cent of people who backed the plans saying that financial considerations were the reason.

Mr Carter said: "I am surprised. When I read the media release and I see the main reason the majority of people seem to be in favour is because of financial considerations. It depends what the public perceive as the main financial considerations. Are we referring to the £4.2 million in the business case, which we have discussed at a number of meetings as being incorrect as they do also contain savings being made through the fire service already?"

Mr Campion's office is now in the process of assessing the responses before deciding whether to go through with the bid.

## Cities put forward ideas for Knife Angel



Peace envoy Terry Waite is backing the Knife Angel and its anti-crime campaign

IT may be struggling to secure a spot on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square but police and civic heads from across Britain are hoping to see the Knife Angel in their towns and cities.

The Knife Angel at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry was created from thousands of knives. Centre chairman Clive Knowles said he is delighted at the interest in the sculpture from across the country.

Peace envoy Terry Waite has already backed the campaign to have the sculpture installed at Trafalgar Square and the latest politician to contact the centre expressing is the Shadow Culture Secretary in the National Assembly for Wales, Suzy Davies.

"It is a most powerful sculpture and I would be very keen to lobby the Welsh Government and the Arts Co for Wales to see if we might have it in Wales," she said.

There has also been interest this week from Paddy Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottingham, who visited the British Ironwork Centre.

And Mr Knowles said there is also a hope the sculpture could be placed in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral as a symbol of a hope for peace.

## 10,000 trees being given away

MORE than 10,000 trees are being given away to groups across Shropshire as part of an annual planting scheme.

Shropshire Council is offering the trees, which include 13 different varieties, to parish tree wardens, schools, environmental and community groups, parish and town councils, farmers and landowners.

Hedgerows are also available under the scheme. A spokesman for Shropshire Council said: "Our beautiful countryside is one of the county's greatest assets and trees, woodlands, and hedgerows make a significant contribution to this. Equally trees can add character and beauty to the built environment, enhancing rural villages and larger towns alike."

"Our community tree scheme is one way in which we support tree planting in Shropshire."

## Tenant lined up to take over farm

A NEW tenant is soon to take over a council-owned farm.

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As the colder months approach, road experts are advising motorists to make checks now to ensure they are ready for winter driving.

Both the AA and the RAC have given out advice on how best to ensure you are ready for everything and anything winter motoring can throw at you.

Both organisations say winter needn't be hell on the roads – as long as drivers follow a simple survival guide which will get them through the time of year when they are most likely to break down. While it's typically the season of delays, arming yourself with the right kit will make a big difference if you do get stuck. If a lorry jack-knives ahead of you, chances are you'll be stuck for a long time, even if you have winter tyres or snow chains. So, make up a winter emergency kit to keep in the boot – chances are you won't need it but you'll be glad it's there if you do. Year-round essentials include a fully charged mobile phone and an in-car phone charger or power pack.

Other essentials include sunglasses, personal medication, a first aid kit, a road atlas in case of diversions and a sat-nav or a printed route for an unfamiliar journey. Winter of course throws up its own unique challenges and as well as the year-round essential kit, drivers should keep other items in their car for the cooler months. Items include a blanket, rug or sleeping bag, a shovel, ice scraper and de-icer, torch and batteries, snacks such as chocolate or cereal bars and extra screenwash.

And of course when severe weather hits, you need a few extras to ensure you stay safe and well when the winter arrives.

When bad weather is forecast and you have to travel, pack essentials such as a warm winter coat, scarf, hat, gloves and warm clothes, waterproofs, sturdy footwear and a flask of hot drink.



Follow handy safety hints to ensure you keep on motoring over the colder months this winter

Before you set off, plan your journey carefully. Use the RAC Route Planner or AA information to get updates on traffic news to help make your journey as smooth as possible. Consider areas that are going to be exposed to the

elements, and perhaps prone to flooding. Keep up-to-date with local weather to ensure you aren't caught out. Allow for more time than you normally would before you leave to clear car windows, mirrors, lights and the top of your roof

of snow before setting off, driving with snow on you car could result in you breaking the law. You will also need to de-ice your windscreen.

And you will need to take time to clear the inside of your windscreen too as it is illegal to



Failing to prepare properly for winter can leave you stranded

drive without full visibility through all of your windows. It's also a good idea to carry a lock de-icer with you to clear your lock. If your locks do get frozen, try warming the key or spraying de-icer or an oil-based lubricant into the lock.

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# Diesel remains popular despite its bad publicity

Almost half of diesel owners will stay loyal to the fuel for their next car, a new study suggests.

Despite a lot of bad publicity surrounding diesel emissions, used car buyers are not being put off buying cars powered by the fuel, with research also showing used diesel car prices are actually on the rise.

Used car marketplace Auto Trader analysed its sales data combined with the opinions of around 13,000 motorists to show used diesel car sales increased by six per cent year-on-year last month.

Prices of diesel cars also increased by two per cent.

## Debate

It asked people selling on their diesel cars whether they intended to buy another diesel once it had sold, and 47 per cent said they would.

Nathan Coe, Auto Trader's chief operating officer, said the debate around diesel was only to be expected in a time of 'big change' in the car industry.

He added: "It might be tempting to focus on the negatives during periods of such change.

"But it's crucial that the centre of the debate focuses on clearly landing the benefits and value of this change to motorists, rather than further energising a narrative that stigmatises



Used diesel car sales are strong but new diesel sales are down

cars and threatens to penalise motorists."

Despite used diesel car sales holding strong, the same can't be said of the new car market. Data from

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## Glas sign off season with a win in last over

CAE GLAS brought the curtain down on a creditable campaign in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division three with a last over victory in a low scoring affair against Harpers at Gatacre.

Having at one stage been promotion contenders, the Glas finished seventh, while their victory denied a Harpers side who themselves had a slim chance of promotion before the game.

Under murky skies on a very damp wicket, the home side had no hesitation in putting Harpers into bat after winning the toss in this 35 overs match.

They started positively with Gary Davies and Shaun Southern bowling tightly, supported by some excellent work in the field.

At the half way stage, Harpers were struggling to score at two runs an over with two wickets already down.

The introduction of off spinner Nick Broadbent and leg spin by Barry Richards continued to strangle the normally aggressive nature of the Harpers batsmen and this, alongside four tight overs from Gaz Edgerton ensured the visitors posted a very modest score of 93 for the loss of eight wickets.

Davies, Broadbent, Edgerton and Richards all took two wickets apiece.

Although only having to chase 94 for the win, Cae Glas knew the task wasn't going to be easy.

But opener Andy Griffiths (37no) and skipper George Candler – with 20 passing 500 runs for the season – getting them home.

**OSWESTRY III**, who have finished well adrift at the foot of the Shropshire League division four, finished a tough campaign with a 75-run loss at the hands of Allscott II.

Opting to bat first, Allscott posted 188-6 in their 40 overs, opener Chris Scott top scoring on 57, while Ivor Pearsall (3-40) was the pick of the bowlers.

In reply, Oswestry were sent back for 113 in the 37th over, despite 43 from Iwan Roberts.

## Jacob's high five wickets for Frankton

FRANKTON ended a fluctuating campaign in the Henshalls Shropshire League premier division with a six wicket success over Newtown at Hardwick Park.

Jacob Northwood bagged 5-38 as Frankton dismissed the Mid Wales visitors for 185, Richard Parry Jones also picking up 3-47 from 15 overs.

Thomas Wilkie then led the charge in reply with 74 before being run out, Scott Hale finishing on 55 not out to seal victory with over two overs to spare. The win sees Frankton finish fourth from bottom.

**ELLESMERE** were shot out for 94 by Wellington III in their final outing of the season in division one, with their hosts reaching their modest target for the loss of just three wickets.

David Ross and Muhammad Wasif both snapped up three wickets as the Meresiders struggled, with the only real resistance coming from Matthew Lewis with 29.

Openers Luke Goring (40) and Warwick Vaughan (32) put Wellington on course for a convincing seven wicket win, Joe Austin taking 2-21 for the visitors who picked up just one point.

Ellesmere's second string did not fare much better as they slumped to a 95-run loss at home to **WELSHPOOL II** in the reserve division three.

Opting to bat first, Pool put 169-5 on the board in 35 overs, Greg Jones cracking 56 and Russell Cadwallader 36 not out. The Meresiders were then bundled out for just 74 in reply, with Lea Winter the only batter to get into double figures with 20.

# COBRA lifted after back-to-back wins

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

**COBRA kept in touch with the early leaders in the Welsh League division two (north) after making it back-to-back league wins with a comfortable 43-8 success at lowly Llangollen.**

After their opening day 59-7 victory at local rivals Welshpool, the Meifod men maintained the momentum as they notched a second maximum points success to lie third in the table.

The outcome was rarely in doubt as they ran in seven tries, four of which were converted, while leading 22-0 at half time.

Victory puts them in good shape for Saturday's home encounter with Rhyl, which also serves as the club's Presidents Day.

COBRA were soon into their stride against early strugglers Llangollen, with two tries inside the first 12 minutes following some incisive back play down the left flank. A break from Iwan Vaughan opened the door for the opening score, the ball going through the hands before finding fullback Richard Jones who went over by the posts, Will Worthington converting.

More good work down the left saw No8 Lee Hughes draw the defence before feeding centre Frazer Roberts to go over, the conversion missed.

After a scrappy spell, another break, this time from left wing Iolo White, saw Worthington launch a long pass for Ieuan Williams to go over on the right wing for an unconverted try.

Prop Nico Williams rounded off the first half scoring with a fourth touchdown to leave the visitors in the ascendancy at the break.

Llangollen pulled back a penalty soon after the interval as the encounter became scrappy at times, but COBRA showed their worth in the backs as a good move off a scrum saw left wing White go over in the corner, with Worthington supplying an excellent conversion from wide out.

### Consolation

Flanker Aled Humphreys then got in on the act after charging down a clearance kick, before second row Lloyd Bright stormed over for the seventh and final try, both converted by Worthington. Llangollen crossed for a consolation touchdown late on in the corner, but COBRA were home and dry long before then.

Having also progressed in the WRU Bowl the week before, COBRA will now host Llanidloes in the second round a week on Saturday.

**WELSHPOOL** put up a battling display before going down 41-25 at home to Llanidloes to remain winless in the second division (north).

After falling behind early on, they clawed their way back to within touching distance with a hat-trick of tries from captain and flanker Joe Stranks and other touchdowns through second row Thomas Holloway and No8 Ryan Goodwin.

Llanidloes were quickly out of the blocks with fullback Rob Cooper kicking two penalties as well as converting a try for a 13-0 lead.

Pool reduced the arrears with a try to trail 13-5 at the break, but the visitors surged ahead in the second period with touchdowns from centre Rob Evans, prop Rhys Owen and centre and captain Paul Jehu, all converted by Cooper.

Welshpool hit back with three unconverted tries, but an interception score from Cooper, which he also converted, ensured the visitors stayed well clear before the hosts grabbed a fifth touchdown late on.

## Narrow home defeat for Eagles



William Lewis (left) slips a pass to Jack Charmley during Oswestry's narrow defeat to Orrell

OSWESTRY are still looking for their first home win of the campaign in the South Lanes and Cheshire Two after suffering a narrow 24-20 defeat against Orrell at Granville Park.

Despite two wins on their travels, the Eagles are yet to prevail on their own surrounds as they slipped to sixth in the table with 13 points.

With Granville Park staging the club's family day, the hosts were soon in their stride with a strong run from Masirewa Vilame signalling their intentions.

The Eagles continued to press hard and their efforts paid off as captain Andrew Smith, with the help of his pack, went over for the first of his two tries in the corner, the conversion missed.

Orrell steadied the ship and, having made headway deep into the home half, showed their pace as the backs ran in a terrific try from a line out to level at 5-5.

After the restart, Oswestry - for whom Italian scrum half Fabrizio Gaito was making his debut - were again having to defend fur-

ther confident Orrell attacks,

However, Jamie Ellis put some great tackle in followed by James Roberts making a huge hit to steal the ball.

The hosts continued to put in some crunching tackles in particular Smith and Connor Blair, with Nikola Nikolov's old fashion up and under kick followed up by man of the match Blair and Fletcher Youens Owen leaving the visitors in disarray

With the intensity increasing, Orrell found themselves under extreme pressure with two of their players receiving medical treatment. Play continued and Oswestry thought they had scored a try but the referee deemed that the ball was held up.

As the Eagles pushed for the line, the visitors picked up a yellow card for an illegal tackle to leave them down to 14 men.

With their one man advantage, the hosts made their pressure pay with James Roberts passing to James Booth to score a second try, again unconverted for a 10-5 lead.

Nikolov then launched a pacy

30 yard run but, isolated in the tackle, lost the ball to an Orrell player who launched a break upfield which resulted in a converted try.

But the Eagles were back in front 15-12 just before half time when Andy Merritt's quick hands found Ivor Hughes who side stepped and sped over the line for a third unconverted score.

After the break, William Lewis came on for his first team debut, but Orrell were fired up and worked their way over the line for a try to lead 17-15.

The visitors were now stringing together a number of passes and scored a fourth touchdown to open up a nine point advantage.

With the Eagles turning up the heat, the visitors had a second player yellow carded before home captain Andrew Smith scoring his second try to reduce the arrears to 24-20.

Meanwhile, Oswestry II succumbed 38-17 away to their Crewe and Nantwich counterparts in the North West League division four (south).

## The latest returns from Shropshire golf clubs

### HILL VALLEY

**Emerald Medal:** C Ingall 78-05=73; S Shangauchi 84-10=74; C Edwards 90-12=78.  
**AM-AM:** D Hall, D Jolly, A Minshall, J Holmes 91pts; R Jones, K Salt, T Nixon, M Pierce 89pts; A Smith B Moffat, M Williams, J Munro 87pts.

**Ladies' Stableford (Emerald) Division 1:** C Ellwood 30pts (20); S Coupe 29pts (13); S Wynn 29pts (21). Division 2: J Wruszek 28pts (30) S DeBarro 27pts (25); A Wilson 24pts (27).  
**Anne Timperley Cup (Emerald):** C Sckerling 96-17=73; C Ellwood 98-20=73; S Coupe 93-13=80.

### LILLESALL HALL

**September Midweek Stableford Division 1:** B Ferriaday 32; G F Jones 29; C Lawson 28; R Smith 25; T Beech 23. Division 2: A Richfield 37; C Parr 36; M Jones 35; R Hall 34; G Sellars 31; S Wlazo 31; D White 31.

**Committee & Past Captains Cup:** G Davis 37; A Smith 37; T Austin 36; W Schofield 32; J Cotterill 32; M Smith 32.

**Ladies' Dot Gray Brooch:** Joan Lawson 97-22=75; Linda Fisher 106-28=78.

### MILE END

**Past Captains Trophy Winner:** Allan Kerr 35pts. Runner Up: Ron Fugh 34pts.

**Whitmore Trophy:** Roy Roberts 80-14=66; John Dean 90-24=66; Adam Turner 90-13=67. Nearest The Pin: Brian Davies 20cm.

**September Stableford Division 1:** Nigel Williams 39pts; James Thornell 38pts; Adam Turner 36pts. Division 2: Scott Smith 43pts; Paul Eke 40pts; Shaun Holloway 38pts. Division 3: Joanne Williams 38pts; John Roberts 38pts; Nick Jarvis 36pts. Nearest The Pin: Noel Rogers 7ft 7.

**Seniors' September Medal Division 1:** Stuart Ball 89-14=75; Phil Trow 87-12=75; Gordon Manson 89-14=75. Division 2: Brian Crutchfield 95-20=75; Brian Davies 94-19=75; Bill Murray 95-19=76. Division 3: Colin Roberts 93-23=70; Daniel McKay 99-28=71; Terry Perks 101-26=75.

### OSWESTRY

**September Medal/Millennium Trophy Division 1:** Kenton Cawley 74-6=68 (cb); Thomas Taylor 76-8=68; Simon Probert 73-4=69 (cb); Chris Wase 75-6=69; Jason Harris 78-8=70; Eliot Hobbert 80-7=73 (cb). Division 2: Richard Roberts 82-13= 69 (cb); Stuart Jones 81-12=69 (cb); Andrew Jones 84-15=69 (cb); Scott Thompson 83-14=69; Tom Davies 83-13=70; Ryan Burnett 81-10=71 (cb). Division 3: Nicolas Hayter 95-26=69 (cb); David Giles 88-19=69; Simon Grindley 90-19=71 (cb); Phil Jennings 87-16=71; Trevor Edgerton 101-28=73; Mike Edge 90-16=74 (cb). Best Gross: Simon Probert.

**Ladies' Helen Shaw Salver:** Emma Hopton 39pts; Bronwen Morris 34pts (cb); Julia Taylor 34pts (cb); Margaret Lynch 34pts (cb); Tania Pearce 34pts; Helen Whiting 33pts. Nine Hole Competition Winner: Betty Wigley.

**Seniors' Stableford:** Malcolm Smith 38pts; Paul Dunning 36pts (cb); Dave Knight 36pts (cb); Dave Griffiths 36pts; Ken Whyte 35pts (cb); George Massey 35pts (cb).

### THE BROW

**Mike Jones Trophy Winner:** Barrie Thomas 89-23=66. Best Gross: Peter Morris 82. Division 1: Brian Stuttard 83-14=69. Division 2: John Youens 88-19=69.

### WREKIN

**Ladies' Open 3 Ball Alliance:** Joan Simcox, Chris Taylor, Mary Osborne 70pts; Carol Quin, Rosemary Stubbs, Mary Hogben 68pts; Sally Gould, Janet Sadler, Linda Mottram 64pts.

**Vets Cup Winner:** Mr & Mrs Wynn 76 Nett. Runner Up: Sue Pidgeon 78 Nett.

**EG Medal Division 1:** Ros Currel 78 Nett. Division 2: Gill Williams 79 Nett.

**Presidents Day Winners:** Gill Buchanan, Mary Hogben, Rosemary Stubbs. 2nd: Deborah Austin, Liz Boyle, Gill Williams. 3rd: Janine Barrow, Carolyn Tyers, Claid Maiden.

**Seniors' Winter Stableford 1 (15 Hole):** Keith Teherne 32/20, Kelvin McLeod 32/18; Mick Perks 32/12.

## A chance to take on chess Grandmaster

SHROPSHIRE chess players are being offered a chance to take on a top English Grandmaster, Danny Gormally, who has offered to play a simultaneous display in Malpas, near Whitechurch, on October 8.

The event, in which Gormally will take on a number of opponents at once, moving at each board in turn, will be in the Malpas Jubilee Hall and the nearby Gemma Charlotte Moon's The Old School Tea Rooms will be open for refreshments, analysis, and so on. The display will only take place if enough players are interested, with a cost of £20 for adults, and £10 for juniors.

Details from Charles Higgie at higgiecharles@gmail.com.

Shropshire chess league has seen the first games of the new season played in the second division, with some worrying signs for the Newport club whose B team defaulted two boards in their in-house encounter with Newport Juniors. However, the B team won on the top three boards to give them a match victory.

**Division Two results:** Priorless Lions B 1.5, Telepost B 3.5; G White 0, P Crean 1; M Morrison 0.5, S Kempbell 0.5; G Viskozai 0, Q Mills 1; T Preece 1, K Tabnor 0; M Reynolds 0, V Crean 1. Newport B 3, Newport Juniors 2; N Paine 1, E Xu 0; D Griffiths 1, D Holmes 0; W Gormley 1, Z Maydow 0; default 0, M Davenport 1; default 0, S Davenport 1.

# Oswestry net super win in league opener

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

Edwards and Cumpston won their rubbers, again in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 and 7-6, 6-0, but Hollywell and Hann had the worst possible luck in losing both of their rubbers on deciding third set tie-breaks by the closest of margins 9-11 and 8-10

The third team came away with a maximum four points when they visited Baschurch to play their third team in 5N.

The first pair of Dave Clough and Linda Clarke beat the opposing first pair 6-3, 6-4 and the second pair 6-2, 6-1, while the second pairing of Saffron Rainey and partner Rebecca Hollywell competed the rout.

The duo recorded a straight sets win over the second pair 6-1, 6-2, but needed a third set tie break to claim victory over the Baschurch first pair.

The sixth team also travelled to play Baschurch 4 in the and hit back to earn a creditable 2-2 draw in 8N.

The first pairing brought the experienced Keith Grice and Julie Phillips together, while the second pairing was Pete Scott, making his debut for the club, and Millie Parsons-Hann in her first full game after a rain affected fixture the previous week.

The opening rubbers saw close, competitive rallies with Grice and Phillips narrowly missing out on a championship tie break 6-7 6-1, 0-1, and Scott and Parsons-Hann, always in it, but losing straight sets 5-7, 5-7.

At half time, with the home team 2-0 up and well placed for victory, Oswestry hit back in the reverse rubbers.

Both visiting pairs fought all the way again in two very evenly contested rubbers. This time Grice and Phillips went on to win in the third 7-5, 1-6 1-0.

Parsons-Hann, playing well in advance of her 12 years of age, threw in some excellent backhands, and with Scott, the duo finally came out on top 7-6 7-6 after two knife edge tie breaks.

It was a great debut for this pair who produced a terrific comeback to earn a hard fought draw.



## Llanfair are marching on after superb Trophy win

A TERRIFIC first half display kept Llanfair United on the trail of the FAW Trophy by overcoming Spar League rivals Carno 3-1 in the second round at the Mount Field.

Phil Hughes got the first after just five minutes, then doubled his account on 18 before Gethin Stephens tapped in a third on the half hour from a corner.

Carno pulled one back three minutes into the second period through Tomos Richards, but Llanfair were not to be denied their third round ticket.

"We were excellent in the first half, and dug in for the second to make sure we won the game," said Llanfair manager Rhys Stephens.

**LLANRHAEDR** shrugged off a one goal half time deficit to book their place in the third round with a 4-1 passage against **MONTGOMERY TOWN**.

The villagers had fallen behind right on half time following a mix-up in their defence, with Sam Davies neatly slotting in for the improving visitors.

But they hit back after the break, with Dan Graham leveling with a toe poke on the hour before Khyam Wyton headed Llan in front on 75 minutes from a Dale Evans cross.

Gus Harris extended the advantage on 80 minutes before Marc Griffiths sealed the victory three minutes from time.

**BERRIEW** booked their place in the next round after prevailing 3-0 at Llandrindod Wells, Chris Carroll netting brace and Karl Sellaerts getting the other from the penalty spot.

### Own goals

Wayne Austin scored twice as **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** overcame Presteigne 4-2 at Treflan.

**CHURCHSTOKE** succumbed 4-1 away to Bow Street who marched on courtesy of a couple of own goals before Matthew Evans and Tom Wyn settled the issue.

High flying Llanidloes Town are also through as they accounted for **DYFFRYN BANW** 3-1 with all the goals coming in he second half.

The Daffs went ahead five minutes after the break with a terrific curling shot from edge of area from Richie Evans.

That lead was doubled when a flowing move down the left saw the ball squared for Ashley Owen to drive home low from 25 yards. Rhys Evans fired a third with other effort from outside the box. Banw pulled one back through Tom Foulkes after some poor defending but it was too little too late.

Knighton Town kept their flag flying with a 4-2 home success against Tywyn Brynrcrug, while a double strike from Cal Matthews helped Radnor Valley see off Brecon Northcote 4-1, Liam Jones and Jack Williams getting the other goals.

Elsewhere, **TREVERN UNITED** are also through after edging out Machynlleth 2-1 following extra-time.

# Guils fail to find any spark in Flint defeat

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**AFTER a creditable start to the season, Guilsfield failed to fire as they were downed 3-0 at Flint Town United to lose ground in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.**

The Guils struggled to get into their stride, and slipped down to sixth in the table as Flint took their chances through Richie Foulkes (36), Andy Brown (41) and substitute James Hooper (79).

Guilsfield starts well enough, and on nine minutes were awarded a free kick right on the angle of the box, despite claims the foul had been committed just inside.

Jack Richards stepped up to hit a curling effort that seemed destined for the top corner, until keeper Nik Lee-Bulmer sprang across his goal and tipped the ball over.

The visitors started to assert themselves on the game, and posed a threat down the right hand side through the lively Jake Cook.

Just before the half hour mark, long throw specialist Chris Cathrall delivered a perfectly flighted throw that caused mayhem in the Flint defence. Asa Hamilton pounced on the loose ball but his powerful shot was parried away by Bulmer.

But Flint struck on 36 minutes, somewhat against the run of play, when Alan Bull pulled back from the byline for the incoming Foulkes who powered his 15-yard shot past keeper Andy Wycherley. Shortly after, Flint doubled their advantage following some more slack play by the Mid Wales villagers.

This time it came from a break down the right, with Kyle Smyth sending a ball across the face of the goal, and Brown forced over the line at the near post.

Just before the interval, Richards hit a long range effort that forced Bulmer into making a good save at the other end, and the rebound fell into the path of Hamilton, whose follow up effort struck the angle of crossbar and post.

### Moment of panic

The expected onslaught from the visitors at the start of the second half failed to materialise, and the Flint back line remained relatively untroubled. The game could have been killed off after 54 minutes when, from a Joe Palmer corner, Brown came running in to meet the ball, and got a glancing header which went narrowly past the post.

A minute later, Cook made a good run down the right for Guilsfield, and delivered a teasing ball into the box that caused a brief moment of panic before being hacked clear to safety.

The decisive third goal arrived on 79 minutes when a long clearance from Bulmer fell into the path of substitute Hooper who ran clear before calmly slotting the ball past Wycherley to put the game beyond the reach of the visitors.

Meanwhile, little is going right for Caersws who remain in the Cymru Alliance basement zone after suffering a last-gasp 3-2 defeat at Gresford Athletic.

It has been a tough start to the season for the Bluebirds, but fortunes seemed to be picking up as they opened up a two-goal lead through Rhydian Davies (18) and Luke Sherbon (25).

However they were left wondering how they returned home empty handed as Gresford snatched the spoils at the death.

Penrhynech continue to prove a tough side to beat, twice hitting back to earn a 2-2 draw with Rhyl at Cae Baker.

## Six of best gives Saints big lift



At klatt! FC Oswestry Town goalkeeper Gary Tinsley and Jack Harris celebrate the club's first win of the season, a timely 2-1 success at Cheadle Town. ■ Picture: Ian Jones.

FORTUNES continue to pick up for St Martins who marked their first home appearance of the season in the West Midlands League division one with a 6-1 hammering of Tipton Town at Park Hall.

After their 3-0 success at Willenhall Town the week before thanks to a Dave Hartshorn hat-trick, the Saints were out to keep up the good work. And they never looked back after taking the lead on seven minutes when Shawn Melusi was brought down in the box and Hartshorn stepped up to convert the penalty.

The hosts continued to look the stronger side, with Harrison Milington failing to capitalise from a ball over the top, while Jordan Gerrard nodded over the bar from a free kick.

However, a second goal arrived on the stroke of half time when the visitors were penalised for handball, and Melusi fired home the resulting free kick from the edge of the box.

The Saints continued to push forward with purpose after the break, and made it 3-0 in the 62nd minute with a terrific team goal which saw Easthope thread a through ball to Hartshorn who squared for Melusi to tap in.

Another chance came moments later when Callum Bennett, after some neat footwork, played in Aaron Davies who fired into the side netting.

Tipton pulled a goal back after opening up the home defence to slot home at the far post, but St Martins were in no mood to relin-

quish their grip.

Melusi completed his hat-trick with his team's second penalty of the game after Easthope was brought down in the box to make it 4-1.

Two more goals followed in the dying moments, with Melusi latching onto a superb ball before crossing for Tom Ash to poke home.

Then, in the final seconds of the game, Easthope smashed in a 30-yard free kick to complete a terrific afternoon's work.

Buoyed by their best win of the season, the Saints - who are now 11th in the table - are back on the road on Saturday as look to make it three wins on the bounce when they travel to Shropshire rivals Telford Juniors.

## Welshpool in second after fine away win

WELSHPOOL Town moved into second place in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a terrific 3-0 victory away to Aberaeron.

With several of their rivals involved in FAW Trophy action, Pool capitalised as Ricky Litchfield netted twice and Ian Probert the other from the penalty spot.

Victory took the Maesydre men above local rivals Llanfair, while they are now just one point behind leaders Llanidloes Town.

Mid table **KERRY**, who have made a creditable start to the season, missed a chance of climbing a few places as they were beaten 3-1 at home to Borth United.

The Lambs were wasteful in front of goal as they slipped to their first defeat of the season, Luke Mumford getting their reply.

Builth Wells moved four points clear at the top of division two following a narrow 1-0 win over Hay St Mary's, but **ABERMULE** missed a chance of going second as they were edged out 3-2 at home to Newbridge.

Late starters Aberystwyth University made up for lost time as they crushed Penybont 13-1 in their first outing of the season.

Liam Powell, Tom Spicer and George Jenkins all bagged hat-tricks, with Morgan Brownlow, Sean Fahey, Sam Chapman and Tristan Harris also getting in on the act.

\* Maesyrrhandir bowed out of the Montgomeryshire Cup with a 3-0 defeat at Llanidloes Town whose Gareth Owen scored twice, with Adam Nottingham also on target.

## Crosses down Castle to go clear at top

FOUR Crosses moved a point clear at the top of the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 5-3 beating of fellow early hikers Bish-op's Castle at Foxen Manor.

Defending champions Waterloov Rovers, in fourth, suffered a disappointing 2-0 loss away to Maesyrrhandir.

A goal in each half from Mike Edwards helped lift Llanymynech into the top half of the table with a solid 2-0 win away to Llanfyllin Town.

Montgomeryshire League results Division one: Four Crosses 5 Bish-op's Castle 3, Guilsfield Res 1 Meifod 0, Llanfyllin Town 0 Llanymynech 2, Maesyrrhandir 2 Waterloov Rovers 0.

Division two: Churchstoke Res 3 Forden Utd 6, Llanfchain 0 Abermule Res 2, Llangedwyn 2 Trefonen 1, Welshpool Town Res 0 Kerry Res 2.

**ST MARTINS VILLAGE** moved three points clear at the top of the Mercian Regional League division one with a 2-0 victory over visiting Brown Clee with goals from Harry Dunn and Lewis Jones.

It was not such a good day for **GOBOWEN CELTIC** who - still looking for their first win of the season - find themselves in the bottom two in the premier division after being on the wrong end of a 6-1 hammering at home to Prees.

## Bebbington bags a brace

KIM Bebbington scored twice as TNS Ladies overcame a determined Sporting Khalsa 2-0 in Willenhall to make it four straight wins in the FA Women's Premier League Midlands division one.

But the Saints' unbeaten record came to an end a few days later when they succumbed 5-2 at home to Leicester City Ladies in the Premier League Cup, with Bebbington and Charlotte Canlett getting their replies.

# New Saints move back to the summit

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

CHRIS Seargeant's early strike took The New Saints top of the JD Welsh Premier with a 1-0 victory over previously unbeaten leaders Llandudno at Park Hall.

The midfielder pounced in the 10th minute and, with the defending champions keeping a fifth successive clean sheet in the league, that proved enough to leapfrog their visitors on goal difference.

Boss Scott Ruscoe praised another solid display against steely opponents who battled resolutely throughout without creating too many opportunities.

Their keeper Dave Roberts was the busier of the custodians, pulling off several good stops to keep the Seasiders in the hunt.

"You build your performance around clean sheets, and that's five in a row now in the league which is pleasing," said Ruscoe.

"We are a good attacking side that is always capable of scoring goals, so you've always got a good chance if you don't concede.

"I was pleased with the three points, although I believe there were one or two things we could better, but that's just me being greedy."

He added: "It was a hard fought win. They've had a good start to the season, and were well organised and well coached.

"We had a couple of chances to put the game to bed in the second half, and when you're 1-0 you're never safe.

"It's good to be top of the league, that's where you want to be."

Seargeant gave the Saints a 10th minute lead, fir-

ing home after the midfielder had been picked out by Wes Fletcher following a slip by the visitors on the edge of the box.

Jon Routledge went close to a second moments later after being set up by Connell Rawlinson, but was met by a smart stop from keeper Dave Roberts.

Rawlinson - who was to later leave the pitch with a hamstring strain - then headed straight at the keeper from a Seargeant corner midway through the half.

Llandudno came more into the game, with a couple of efforts from distance, but it was the Saints who were creating the clearer opportunities as they bossed the possession.

Tom Holland was left frustrated after failing to find the target, while Fletcher could have doubled the TNS lead right on half time when thwarted by the feet of Roberts when through on goal.

## Heavy defeat for the ladies

OSWESTRY Ladies crashed 8-1 away to Golborne Ladies in their first away outing in the Cheshire Women's Hockey league division two.

Having started the season on a positive note with a 4-1 victory at home to Bowdon Ladies, it was a disappointing trip for Oswestry who how face a tough home encounter with high flying Wilmslow Ladies Seconds on Saturday.



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## Guils ready to get things back on track

GUILSFIELD aim to get back on track when they tackle rock bottom Llandudno Junction at Clos Mytton on Saturday (2.30pm).

Newly promoted to the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance this season, Junction appear to have come off the rails after losing all eight games to prop up the table.

It should be an ideal chance for the Guils to bounce back, but manager Nathan Leonard will be taking nothing for granted as he seeks an improved display after his side were downed 3-0 at Flint Town United last weekend.

That below par defeat saw the Mid Wales side to sixth in the table, so the Guils chief will want a positive reaction to ensure his side stay among the front-runners.

"It was disappointing as we started well, but conceded a couple of sloppy goals before half-time which we had talked about before the game," said Leonard.

"It's tough enough going to Flint, but when you're 2-0 down it gets even more difficult. Even at 2-0, we were still in the game, but the second half was disappointing."

"It's frustrating as you know the lads have got it in them. They've done well this season, but I can't accept a lack of desire and work rate."

"We've now got Llandudno, and every game is a big three points."

Defender Robbie James is out for one more game through injury, but Adam Jenkins is expected to return after being away last week.

## Llanfair looking for home joy in Trophy

LLANFAIR United's hope of making further progress in the FAW Trophy have been handed a boost after landing another home tie.

After their 3-1 victory over Carno, Llanfair welcome another Spar Mid Wales League side to the Mount Field in the form of Bow Street for next month's third round encounter.

Elsewhere, Llansantffraid Village face a tricky trip to high flying Llanidloes Town, while Llanrhaeadr are also on the road to Knighton Town.

Berriew visit Radnor Valley while holders Chirk AAA welcome Penrhyn-deudraeth. All ties will be played on Saturday, October 21.

Before then, Llanfair visit early leaders Llanidloes Town on Saturday in the big game of the day in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

"We're on a good little run at the moment, but we're still a young side that has not played that much together, so we still need to find consistency," said manager Rhys Stephens.

Llanfair are third in the league, with WELSHPOOL having gone second after their fine 3-0 victory away to Aberaeron.

Pool now face a testing trip to division one newcomers Kerry who will be out to bounce back from a first defeat.

# SAINTS SET FOR TESTING TRIP

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**THE New Saints can have grounds for optimism when they head to Carmarthen Town on Saturday looking to stretch their unbeaten run to six games in the JD Welsh Premier.**

Having underlined their title credentials with a 1-0 win over previous leaders Llandudno, the Saints now make what has often proved a hazardous trip to Richmond Park.

However, instead of being greeted by notoriously wet and heavy conditions in West Wales, the defending champions now find the surface more to their liking after Carmarthen joined the 3G revolution.

This summer, the Old Gold became the ninth of 12 teams in the league to install such a surface - and Saturday sees its first competitive game on the new pitch.

Although the conditions may suit TNS, manager Scott Ruscoe anticipates a stern test on a big day for the hosts who have proved troublesome opponents in the past.

Last February, they became the first side to defeat the Saints when prevailing 1-0 to deny the runaway leaders a chance to wrap up a sixth successive league title. It was TNS' first loss in 24 league outings, and 32 games in all competitions, and meant they had to wait a little longer before being crowned champions.

So Ruscoe will take nothing for granted despite Carmarthen suffering a poor start to this season after having to play their first six outings all away from home while their new surface was installed.

### Longest trip

"It's always a tough game against Carmarthen," he said. "They have had a difficult start (with five defeats in six outings), but went to Bala the other week and won 4-0, so are no mugs and capable of beating anyone on their day."

"Our players will know what's expected. We got ourselves back on the top of the league last week, and that's where we want to be."

After three Friday night games, the Saints - who have not conceded in their last five league games - will return to the more accustomed Saturday action for their longest trek of the season.

Defender Connell Rawlinson faces a fitness check after going off during the Llandudno game with a tight hamstring. Steven Saunders and Chris Marriott are still on the sidelines.

After taking on Carmarthen, the Saints start their defence of the Nathaniel MG Cup with a second round trip to Cymru Alliance side Flint Town United the following Tuesday.

\*TNS under-19s made it five wins out of five with an 11-0 thrashing of Prestatyn Town at Park Hall to stay top of the Welsh Premier development league (north).

## Battling Pool seek elusive win



Welshpool's Joe Stranks forces his way over the line for a try in his side's defeat against Llanidloes, much to the delight of the crowd. Picture: Gary Williams.

COBRA look to keep up the early pressure on the Welsh League division two (north) leaders when they welcome Rhyl to their president's day on Saturday (2.30), writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

Still unbeaten this season, the Meifod side are in good shape in third spot following their comfortable 43-8 success at lowly Llangollen, taking their points tally to 102 from their first two league outings.

Rhyl, by contrast, have had a mixed start, with two defeats from their first three games, including last week's 69-6 mauling at home to early leaders Denbigh.

COBRA, meanwhile, have been drawn at home to Llanidloes in the second round of the WRU Bowl, the tie to be played a week on Saturday.

WELSHPOOL, who put up a battling display before going down 41-25 at home to Llanidloes, will be chasing their first win at home to basement rivals Llangollen on Saturday. Both sides prop up the table with one point from three games.

After their 24-20 home defeat to Orrell, OSWESTRY bid to bounce back when they visit Wigan in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

## Town break their winning duck at last

FC OSWESTRY Town hope their first win in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one can act as a catalyst for brighter times ahead.

After eight straight league defeats, goals from Sam Thomas, after just 37 seconds, and Jack Harris, on the half hour, earned a timely 2-1 success at Cheadle Town. Victory lifted Town off the foot of the table before Saturday's big test at home to early promotion chasers Litherland REMYCA.

And joint boss Ryan Butcher says the Town players fully deserve to savour their first win of the campaign.

"It was a really good win," he said. "We scored first which made a massive difference, as in every other game this season we have gone behind. There's still a long way to go, but this is a start, and will give us confidence."

Town were boosted by the return of Al Morris and Jack Harris, but were dealt a blow in the warm-up with keeper Louis Mackin suffering a calf strain.

But replacement keeper Gary Tinsley rose to the challenge after donning the gloves at short notice, and pulled off a crucial late save to ensure the visitors returned with the points.

They made the ideal start when Brendon Price pulled the ball back for Thomas to send a looping shot over the keeper from 25 yards, before Price provided the assist for Harris to shoot home from just inside the box.

Boosted by two excellent strikes, Town had to dig deep after a reply from Richard Whyatt before half time, but showed plenty of resolve to end their long wait for their first points of the season.

Buoyed by their 6-1 hammering of Tipton Town in their first home outing, **ST MARTINS** look to make it three wins on the bounce in the West Midlands League division one when they travel to Shropshire rivals Telford Juniors on Saturday.

## Rock-bottom finish sees Monty downed

MONTGOMERY face a swift return to the Henshalls Shropshire League division two after suffering a last day defeat at home to Knockin & Kinnerley.

After being bowled out for 136, they failed to prevent their visitors from reaching the target with four wickets in hand to finish at the foot of the first division table.

After being promoted as champions last season, it was a disappointing finish for Monty.

By contrast, **WELSHPOOL** - who were also promoted to division one last season - finished a creditable campaign in fifth spot after their fourth wicket win over Alberbury at Maesydre.

Batting first, Alberbury were sent back for 109 Joe Monk taking 4-24, before Pool reached their target thanks to opener Paul Chapman's unbeaten 36.

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